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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.¹

NATHANIEL SILSBEЕ.

My grandfathers and my great grandfathers, my grandmothers and my great grandmothers were, I believe, all born in Salem, were of English ancestry, and were all members of the East Religious Society, of this town. My father, Nathaniel Silsbee, was born on the 9th of November, 1748; and my mother (whose maiden name was Sarah Becket) was born on the 26th of February, 1750. I, the sixth of their children, was born on the 14th of January, 1773, in the house of my Grandfather Silsbee (which is yet standing) situated on the south side of Essex street, opposite the southern end of Pleasant street, the northern end of which house was then occupied by my father's family. Early in life, my father was intrusted with the charge of a vessel and cargo to the West Indies, and was subsequently the owner

¹This paper, printed substantially as it was left by the late Senator Silsbee, on his death in 1850, was intended solely for the perusal of the writer's family, and contains passages which may seem too personal in their nature for the general eye. It was found difficult to suppress the more private reflections indulged in by the writer, without impairing the continuity of the story, and the Institute has been kindly permitted to print the whole. It was written at various dates between January 14, 1836, his sixty-third birthday, and his death which occurred July 14, 1850.

or part owner of several vessels employed in that trade which was then the principal and almost the only branch of foreign commerce pursued from this place. In the year 1779 or 1780, my father removed his family to the so-called Elkins House on the south side of Derby street, and making the southeastern corner of Derby and Turner streets, where we resided until 1783.

In the month of June, 1782, when about nine and a half years of age, I was placed under the tuition of the late Rev. Doctor Manasseh Cutler of Hamilton (then Ipswich Hamlet) to be fitted for college, in company with about twenty other scholars from Salem and some of the neighboring towns, most of whom were fellow boarders with me in Doctor Cutler's family. On the 19th of April, 1783, — the day on which the firing and other demonstrations of rejoicing took place in this town, on the occasion of the Peace which had then recently taken place between this country and England, — we (my father's family) removed to the house on Daniels street which my father had built for the accommodation of his family and which was then just ready for their reception, being the same house which was purchased by me in 1794, which is yet owned by me, and in which I have passed some of the most pleasant days of my life.

On the 11th of October, 1784, while at Salem in the course of a vacation, I met with an accident which caused my life to be despaired of for some time. On seeing a horse that was drawing goods belonging to my father, so much frightened as to have disengaged himself from the control of his driver, and being on the full run, I, very imprudently, ran to and seized the bridle of the horse with the expectation of stopping him, instead of which, after being dragged by him for some distance, and after receiving such wounds as rendered me insensible, I fell and the cart-wheel passed over a part of my face. I was carried home senseless, and remained so nearly twenty-four hours; but after a confinement of two or three months, and with scars which I shall carry to my grave, I was enabled to resume my studies with Doctor Cutler, who on the occasion of my injury (having heard on Saturday evening that I was killed) read a note from his pulpit, on the next day, and prayed for the death of a member of his family. The decision of the physicians when called to me on that occasion was, without a dissenting voice, that my wounds were incurable, and that there was as little probability of a restoration of my mind as there was of restoring my body; and but for the ardent solicitations of my mother (my father was then at New York) the physicians would not have deemed it expedient to sew up and dress the wounds, in the manner they did. Of this I was subsequently informed by several of the physicians themselves; and the late venerable Dr. Holyoke who had the principal charge of the case told me that he considered it the

greatest cure which, in the course of his unusually long and successful practice, he had ever known. I have often thought how many anxious hours I should have escaped if my life had terminated at that time. I hope, however, and have the consolation to believe, that my good mother never had cause to regret the effect of her solicitations upon the physicians. At the time I was placed in Doctor Cutler's family, my father was in possession of what was then considered a handsome and independent property, but which in the course of four years after, became so much reduced by the vicissitudes which sometimes afflict those engaged in commercial pursuits, that in October 1786, he felt compelled to take me from the collegiate course of studies which I had been pursuing and prepare me for some other course of life; and, as my propensities were rather of a nautical character, I commenced the study of navigation.

In the month of May, 1787, at the age of a little over fourteen years I entered upon my first voyage, which was from Salem to Baltimore, in the capacity of captain's clerk, in a schooner of about eighty tons, employed in that trade, and made three such voyages in the course of that summer; from which time I was unoccupied and consequently uneasy and somewhat impatient, until December, 1788, when I shipped as clerk to the supercargo of the brig "Three Sisters" owned by the late Elias Hasket Derby (who was one of the earliest adventurers from this country to the East Indies) and bound on a voyage round the Cape of Good Hope. My wages for that voyage were five dollars a month, and all the property which my father could furnish me for an adventure was six boxes, containing six quintals of cod-fish, a part of which perished on the outward passage, and the cost of the whole of which was eighteen dollars. We proceeded on that voyage first to the Cape of Good Hope, and from thence to Batavia and China, where the vessel was sold and whence we (the officers and crew) returned to this country in a ship called the "Astræa," belonging to the same owner. From the captain of that ship (the late James Magee of Boston) I derived much information and advice, of a nautical character and such as was, subsequently, of great benefit to me. While absent on that voyage the present constitution and form of government of the United States, which had been recommended by a convention of delegates from the several states, held in 1787, was adopted by eleven of the then thirteen United States, and went into operation on the fourth day of March, 1789, with George Washington as President and John Adams as Vice-President of the United States.

In the course of a week or two after my return from the India voyage I went with my father in a small schooner of about thirty tons on a coasting trip to Penobscot; my father, myself and my brother William constituting the whole "ship's company" and having

no other soul on board, either as officer, seaman, cook or boy, than the father and his two sons, by whom the vessel was conducted to several ports and from thence back to Salem, with a full cargo of wood and boards obtained in payment of some old debts due to my father from persons residing in that quarter.

On my return from the coasting trip to the eastward, I made a coasting trip to the southward, from hence to Virginia in the capacity of captain's clerk, and finished that trip in November, 1790.

In December of that year (1790) I shipped as second mate of a small brig on a voyage to Madeira, from whence we proceeded to the West Indies, thence to Baltimore, thence back to Madeira, and thence to Philadelphia, where the command of the brig was tendered to me for a voyage back to Madeira, which trust I should certainly have accepted but for the intelligence of the death of my father and the receipt of a letter from my good mother urging my return to her in such terms as I could not and did not resist, but came home a passenger in a small schooner which happened to be then at Philadelphia, belonging to Salem, where we arrived in the month of December, 1791, after an absence of about twelve months. My father died on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1791, at New York, and his remains were interred in the burial ground of what was then called the "New Brick Presbyterian Meeting House," and I have never been at New York but on one occasion (when I passed hastily through the city without making any stay in it) without walking round that burial ground while there.

After contributing to the comfort of my mother and her family to the extent of every cent of my earnings on the former voyage (which were voluntarily as well as legally hers) and before I was nineteen years of age, I accepted the command of a small sloop of about forty tons, belonging to the late Elias Hasket Derby, and sailed before the close of the year, on a voyage to Norfolk in Virginia, to procure a cargo for the West Indies, without a single dollar in my pocket or a dollar's worth of property on board the vessel in which I embarked. We sailed from Salem on the 30th of December, 1791, with specie and merchandise to the amount of 1500 dollars for Norfolk, but after encountering a succession of heavy gales of wind for more than thirty days (in the course of which our old vessel became so leaky that the pumps were barely sufficient to keep her from sinking) and after enduring such incessant and intense anxiety as prevented my having a single moment of sound sleep for thirteen entire days and nights, I felt compelled to seek milder weather and proceed to the West Indies, where, upon an examination of the vessel, she was declared to be unseaworthy by a survey of shipmasters and carpenters. At a somewhat later age I should probably have acceded to that decision and aban-

doned the vessel, but I then determined otherwise, caused some repairs to be made on the vessel (which I knew to be entirely uninsured) invested the funds which were furnished me to buy a cargo at Norfolk, in West India produce and proceeded therewith to Norfolk, and thence to Salem, where the vessel was considered unfit for another voyage, and where I had the good fortune (for such I most truly considered it) to be immediately offered, by the same owner, the charge of a brig and cargo for the West Indies.

The offer just mentioned was promptly accepted and I sailed from Salem, in the brig "Rose" of about sixty tons burden in the month of May, 1792, with a cargo invoiced at £1000, or 3333 dollars, and returned home from the port of Cape François in the Island of St. Domingo in September of the same year, after a successful voyage for my employer from whom, very shortly after my return, I had the further good fortune to receive the offer of the command of a ship then building, and the consignment of her cargo on a voyage to the East Indies.

On the 11th of December, 1792, I sailed from hence in the new ship "Benjamin" of one hundred and sixty tons burden, and with a cargo consisting principally of merchandise which cost about eighteen thousand dollars (then considered a large stock for such a ship) for the Cape of Good Hope and India, and with such instructions as left the management of the voyage very much to my own discretion. On leaving home every dollar that I possessed was much less than I wished to leave with my mother for the comfort of herself and family during so long a voyage as I had then undertaken; therefore in addition to all my own small means, I left with her also some money which I hired for that purpose; consequently (as heretofore) I had no property with me beyond what I had hired upon a respondentia-bond, to enable me to pay my five per cent of the cost of the outward cargo, my perquisites, as consignee of the cargo, being to put in five per cent of the outward cargo, and to receive, at the close of the voyage, ten per cent of the return cargo. Neither myself nor the chief mate of the ship for that voyage (Mr. Charles Derby) had attained the age of twenty-one years, when we left home on that voyage (I was not then twenty years of age) and it was remarked to me by the naval officer (the late Mr. Wm. Pickman) on taking the ship's papers from the Custom House, that it was the first instance in which papers had been issued from that office to a vessel bound to the East Indies the captain and chief mate of which were both minors.

In an intensely cold and severe storm on the first night after leaving home, our cook (a colored man somewhat advanced in age) having preferred his cooking-house on deck to his berth below, for a sleeping place, had his feet so badly frozen as to cause gangrene to such an extent as to render amputation of all his toes on both feet absolutely

necessary for the preservation of his life. Having neither surgical skill nor surgical instruments on board the ship the operation, which had become necessary, was a very unpleasant and a very hazardous one, so much so that no one on board was willing to undertake the direction of it, and I was most reluctantly compelled to assume, with the aid of the second mate, the responsibility of performing the surgical operation, with no other instruments than a razor and a pair of scissors, and which, in consequence of the feeble state of the cook's health, required two days to accomplish. The cook was very desirous to be landed and left at one of the Capede Verde Islands, and for that purpose I proceeded to the Island of St. Jago where I found, at anchor, an English frigate the surgeon of which, at my request, came on board our ship and examined the cook's feet and (to my great satisfaction), pronounced the operation upon them well performed, assured me that there remained no doubt of his recovery, furnished and prescribed some future dressings and advised me, by all means, to keep him on board ship under my own care, in preference to putting him ashore. With the cook's approbation I followed the surgeon's advice, and in the course of a few weeks thereafter the cook was able to resume his duties, recovered his usual health and made several subsequent voyages.

After the transaction of some business at the Cape of Good Hope, and while on the passage from thence to the Isle of France, we fell in with a French frigate bound to that island from France, from the officers of which vessel I obtained information of the war which had then recently taken place (and which was of long duration and of great vicissitudes) between France and England. That frigate reached her port of destination a few days in advance of me and the news of which she was the bearer caused such a change in the commercial market of the place as was beneficial to my voyage by enabling me to dispose of the merchandise of which my cargo was composed at much higher prices than could have been obtained before. On my arrival at the Isle of France, it was my intention to proceed from thence to Bengal for the purpose of procuring a return cargo, and, with this view, as fast as my goods were sold, the proceeds were converted, from the paper currency of the place, into Spanish dollars. On the arrival of the aforesaid frigate, an embargo was laid on all foreign vessels in port and was continued for more than six months, in the course of which time the Spanish dollars which I had purchased had become worth more than three times as much of the currency of the colony as they had cost me, whilst the price of the products of the island, in the same currency had advanced comparatively but very little. Finding myself enabled, by that circumstance, to purchase considerably more than double the quantity of those products than I could

have done at an earlier period, I relinquished the plan of proceeding to Calcutta, and concluded to sell my Spanish dollars and invest the proceeds of them in coffee and spices and return from the Isle of France direct to the United States; and in November, 1793, as soon as the embargo was raised, left the Isle of France and Bourbon, with such a cargo for Salem. On my way home I stopped at the Cape of Good Hope where I found the prospect of a profitable voyage from thence back to the Isle of France to be such, that I could not consistently, with what I conceived to be my duty to my employer (although no such project could have been anticipated by him, and although attended with considerable risk), resist the temptation to undertake it. At that time the Cape of Good Hope was held by the Dutch who had joined England in the then existing war against France, and it so happened (though I hardly know how) that I was the only master of a foreign vessel then in port, of whom a bond had not been required (on granting him permission to trade there) not to proceed from thence to a French port. No such bond having been required of me and there being two other Salem vessels then in that port, by which I could send home on freight, a part of my cargo, I put on board those vessels, consigned to my employer, such portion of my cargo as I knew would considerably more than pay for the whole cost of my ship and cargo at Salem, sold the residue of the merchandise brought from the Isle of France and Bourbon, and invested the proceeds in a full cargo of wine and other articles which I knew to be in great demand at those islands. I had scarcely got those goods on board my ship when, one evening while employed in the settlement of my accounts, I was apprised that such reports of my conjectured intentions had been made to the government of the place as would probably cause the seizure of my ship on the next morning; in consequence of which information I did not hesitate (although I had not violated any bond or any law which had been promulgated to me) to leave my business in the hands of one of the other Salem shipmasters then in port with me, for settlement; went immediately on board my ship and before morning was not only out of port but out of sight of land on my passage to the Isle of France, where I arrived after a short passage, sold my cargo at a great profit (the net sales amounting to full three times its cost at the Cape of Good Hope) and invested the proceeds in a return cargo as expeditiously as possible; but here again I had to leave port very abruptly and two or three days before I had contemplated doing so, in consequence of intelligence which I obtained early on a Sunday morning, that at a meeting on the Saturday evening preceding, of the Jacobin Club (which then governed the place), it was decreed that an embargo should be laid on Monday morning, on all the foreign vessels then in port. Having previously suffered a six months' embargo in

the same port, and having undertaken the voyage upon my own responsibility, I was determined to escape another embargo, even at some hazard, if practicable; and with this determination, I hired a number of sailors and got them on board my vessel. One of the pilots of the port, who was also an influential member of the Jacobin Club, was (by means of an exorbitant price for his services and a little stratagem mutually acceded to) prevailed upon to be on board the ship to conduct her out of port — bribed an officer of the port (by giving him a passage with me to this country) to procure my ship's papers from the Bureau of the Government — made the other necessary preparations, and as soon as the "port-bell" rang to call the populace to their dinners, I had the three top-sails, jib and spanker hastily bent, slipped my cable and put to sea before their return from dinner, giving my long boat to the hired sailors to convey themselves and the pilot to the shore. Not having a sufficiency of provisions on board the vessel for a passage to America, I was obliged to stop for a supply at Bourbon where we anchored (having one and only one anchor left) on the next morning. On landing at the port of St. Denis in Bourbon, I called on the Governor of the island (whose residence was immediately contiguous to the wharf, and who was one of the old royalists) as was usual though not obligatory, and, immediately after leaving the Governor, devoted myself exclusively to the procurement of such provisions as I could find, which purpose was not accomplished until toward dark. Just as I was about stepping from the wharf into my boat the Governor ordered me to his presence, which order I obeyed from necessity, but with strong apprehensions that some restraint was to be imposed on me. On meeting the Governor he asked me, "How long do you contemplate staying in Bourbon? My answer was, "Not more than a day or two." He added, "Can't you leave here to-night?" I replied, "I can do so if you wish it." He then said to me, "As you had the politeness to call on me this morning, and as I should be sorry to see you injured, hearken to my advice and leave here to-night, if practicable." I thanked the Governor for his advice and was on my way towards my boat when he called me back to him and said, "Let no one know what I have said to you." I was in my boat and on board my ship as soon as possible after leaving the Governor. There was a war-brig at anchor in the harbour a little to windward of my own vessel; towards midnight I had the anchor hove up without noise, and let the ship adrift, without making any sail, until by the darkness of the night we had lost sight of the war-brig, when we made all sail directly from the land. At daylight in the morning the war-brig was sent in pursuit of us, under a press of sail, but fortunately could not overtake us, and toward night gave up the chase. I never knew the cause of the Governor's advice to

me, but attributed it to an apprehension, on his part, that my stopping at Bourbon might be supposed by the populace, to be for the purpose of taking off the French admiral, St. Felix (another old Royalist), who had rendered himself obnoxious to the people and who was known to be then secreted somewhere on the Island; and that this suspicion of the people might compel him (the Governor) to cause the detention and perhaps the service of my ship, if I remained there until the next day. I avoided stopping at any place, after leaving Bourbon until I arrived at Salem, which was on the eleventh day of July, 1794, on which day an anxious and profitable voyage of just nineteen months was brought to a close; and I had the satisfaction to learn from my employer (a satisfaction always grateful to my feelings) that my proceedings were approved by him, and that he wished me to prepare myself as expeditiously as possible to proceed on another voyage, in the same ship.¹

The result of that voyage was such as to give to the owner of the ship and cargo a net profit of more than one hundred per cent upon their cost; and afforded to me a gain of over four thousand dollars, which placed me in a condition to gratify the most anxious and at that time the almost only wish of my heart, which was to increase and secure the comforts of my mother, sister and brothers; and one of my first acts was to purchase the house and land formerly owned and occupied by my father, which I did at the cost of about fifteen hundred dollars (subject to my mother's right of dower in it, as before named) and placed the whole of it at my mother's disposal.

On my return from that voyage, in July, 1794, there was much excitement in the country, and especially in the commercial community, caused by British captures of American vessels and cargoes for an alleged violation of the (paper) blockade of the French West India Islands, and a suspicion of French property being covered by the American flag — a suspicion which was extended to all our vessels bound to or from French ports. The excitement was such as to cause a special mission to England, whereby a Treaty of Commerce was negotiated (known then and now as Jay's Treaty) which, though some of its articles were strongly objected to, was ultimately ratified, and a Board of Commissioners thereby created through whom indemnity for most of the captures which had taken place was obtained. That treaty did not, however, prevent frequent depredations on our commerce by British cruisers, subsequent thereto.

On the tenth of September of the same year (1794) I sailed again

¹ Dr. Jared Sparks, who married a daughter of Senator Silsbee, thus writes: Captain Cleveland, in describing the voyage of the "Benjamin" in his "Narrative of Voyages and Commercial Enterprises," made free use of these notes as mentioned by him, as will be seen in that valuable and very interesting work.

in the same ship "Benjamin," with a cargo double the value of that of my former voyage, for the north of Europe and thence to India. On that occasion I took leave of my mother and her family with much less anxiety than I had ever done before, having given them a house and being able to leave them in a situation of comparative independence, besides being enabled to take with me nearly two thousand dollars, which I could not but consider a handsome adventure in my new voyage, and which I look care to have as well insured as possible, for the benefit of my mother, in case of accident to me. I took with me also, in the capacity of clerk, my brother William, then about fifteen years of age, and furnished him with a sum as an adventure for his own account. My first passage on this second voyage in the ship "Benjamin," was to Amsterdam, but finding that place in some danger of an invasion from France, and therefore but little commercial business doing, I went from thence to Hamburg, where I sold my cargo, took in another and left there about the middle of December, for India, but was compelled by adverse winds and storms to stop at Dover, in England, to repair some damages and to obtain further supplies of rigging, etc. At Dover I met, at a public house where I took lodgings, several English and American fellow-lodgers, whose practice it was to introduce card-playing every evening and by whom I was not only urged to participate in their games, but was told that it was hardly civil to decline doing so. Although I knew but little about cards and had never played a game for money in my life, I was prevailed upon to do so on that occasion and in the course of the first evening was a winner of about twenty dollars. On the evening following I declined playing but on being informed that having been a winner on the preceding evening, I was bound in honor to afford the losers an opportunity to regain their losses, I recommenced playing, placed on the table the amount of my gain on the preceding evening, lost it as fast as I could and then claimed the privilege of quitting the table, which I immediately did, and have never played a game of cards for money from that day to this. So much for a lesson thus accidentally acquired. From Dover I proceeded to the island of Madeira where I took in a few pipes of wine and went from thence to the Isle of France where I obtained satisfactory prices for every article of which my cargo was composed, and for some of them enormously high prices. I loaded my own ship with coffee and other products of the Island and despatched her for home under the command of my chief mate (Richard Gardner); purchased another ship of 400 tons (a prize vessel new and built of teak-wood) for ten thousand dollars. which I considered and which proved as good an investment as I could have made of a part of my funds; and in that ship I embarked myself, loaded it with coffee and cotton, part for account of my voyage and part on freight, and

with an entire crew (except myself and my brother William) engaged at the Isle of France and made up, in fact, of almost all the nations of the earth, and arrived at Boston on the ninth of November, 1795, only two days after the arrival at Salem, of the ship which I had sent home under charge of Mr. Gardner, having accomplished as successful a voyage as could have been anticipated by anyone interested in it, to Europe and India, in a few days short of fourteen months. A short time before our arrival at Boston we were for two days, in company with, and but a few miles from, a schooner which we suspected to be a privateer watching for a favorable opportunity to attack us. Having on board the ship six guns and twenty-five men, I was determined to resist, as far as practicable, the attack of any small vessel. On the afternoon of the second day that this vessel had been dogging us, she bore down upon us with an apparent attention of executing what we had supposed to be her purpose and which we were, as I had imagined, prepared to meet; but on calling the crew to the quarters which had previously been assigned to them, I was informed by one of my officers, that there were four or five of the seamen who were unwilling thus to expose themselves, alleging that they had neither engaged nor expected to fight. On hearing this, all hands being on deck, I ordered every passage way which led below deck, excepting that leading to the cabin, to be securely fastened; then calling to me such of the crew as had not engaged to fight, I immediately sent them up the shrouds to repair the ratlin, and to perform other duties which they had engaged to do, in the most exposed part of the ship. Finding themselves thus exposed to greater danger than their shipmates, they requested, before the schooner had come within gunshot of us, to be recalled from their situation and allowed to participate in the defence of the ship, which request was granted. All our six guns were placed on one side of the ship, and we succeeded by a simultaneous discharge of the whole of them, as soon as the schooner had approached within the reach of their contents, in causing her to haul off and hasten from us, but whether this was caused by an unexpected resistance, on our part, or by any damage caused by that resistance, we could not ascertain. I felt quite as willing to be rid of her, however, as anyone of her crew could have been to be rid of us.

Soon after my arrival at Salem, in November, 1795, Mr. Derby offered me the charge of a large new ship then building for the India trade, but as he admitted no one to an ownership of any part of his vessels and as I could not otherwise take with me all the property which I had acquired, I was induced to believe, by the success which had attended my last two voyages, that my interest would be more promoted by becoming part owner of a vessel; I therefore declined Mr. Derby's offer and purchased one-fourth part of a new ship of about one hundred and ninety tons, called the "Betsey."

On the twenty-sixth of February, 1796, I again left home on another voyage round the Cape of Good Hope, in said ship *Betsey*, taking my brother William with me as on the previous voyage, and leaving the residue of my mother's family comfortably situated. After stopping at Madeira and there taking a quantity of wine, I went to the Isle of France, thence to Madras, thence to Pulo Penang and thence to Calcutta, where I procured a return cargo for the United States, but touched at Madras on my way home to receive and invest the proceeds of some wine which I had left unsold at that place. In the course of the few days that I remained in Madras one of those occurrences took place which, more than any and all others, led to the late war between the United States and Great Britain. I received a note early one morning, from my chief mate apprising me that one of my sailors (Edward Hulen, a fellow townsman whom I had known from boyhood) had been impressed and taken on board of a British frigate then lying in port. Receiving this intelligence I immediately went on board my ship and having there learned all the facts in the case, proceeded to the frigate where I found Hulen, and in his presence was informed by the first lieutenant of the frigate that he had taken Hulen from my ship under a peremptory order from his commander "to visit every American ship in port and to take from each of them one or more of their seamen." With that information I returned to the shore and called upon Captain Cook (who commanded the frigate) and sought, first, by all the persuasive means that I was capable of using and ultimately by threats to appeal to the Government of the place, to obtain Hulen's release, but in vain. I then, with the aid of the senior partner of one of the first commercial houses of the place, sought the interference and assistance of the civil authorities of the port, but without success, it being a case in which they said they could not interfere. In the course of the day I went again to the frigate and in the presence of the lieutenant, tendered to Hulen the amount of his wages, of which he requested me to give him only ten dollars and to take the residue to his mother in Salem, on hearing which the lieutenant expressed his perfect conviction that Hulen was an American citizen, accompanied by a strong assurance that if it was in his power to release him he should not suffer another moment's detention — adding at the same time that he doubted if this or any other circumstance would induce Captain Cook to permit his return to my ship. It remained for me only to recommend Hulen to that protection of the lieutenant which a good seaman deserves, and to submit to the high-handed insult thus offered to the flag of my country which I had no means of either preventing or resisting, beyond the expression of my opinion of it to the said Captain Cook, which took place in the presence of other British officers, and in terms dictated

by the then excited state of my feelings. After several years detention in the British Navy and after the Peace of Amiens, Hulen returned to Salem and lived to perform services on board privateers armed in Salem, in the late war between this country and England. After finishing my business at Madras I came directly home and arrived here in July, 1797, after an absence of nearly seventeen months. That voyage—though much less successful than either of my two former ones—was yet sufficiently so to prevent my regretting the course which I pursued in becoming a part owner of the vessel and being thereby enabled to take with me all my own funds. It was while absent on that voyage that John Adams succeeded General Washington in the Presidency of the United States and that Thoma Jefferson was elected Vice-President.

Soon after my return I sold my interest in the ship "Betsey" and, upon the invitation of the late Ebenezer Preble of Boston, purchased of him one-third part of his ship, "Portland," of two hundred and eighty tons and commenced preparations for a voyage to Europe and thence to India, upon which voyage I sailed from Boston on the twenty-eighth of December, 1797, taking my brother William with me as second mate, and having a full cargo of sugar, coffee, spices, etc., I stopped at Cadiz on my way into the Mediterranean, and there heard of the existence of the decrees of the French Government which made liable to condemnation every vessel, of whatever nation, on board of which might be found any articles of the production or manufacture of Great Britain or any of its territories. These decrees had greatly increased the risk of captures of all adventures into the Mediterranean, and consequently had greatly enhanced the prices of colonial products in the Mediterranean markets. Thus situated, my voyage into the Mediterranean presented the prospect of a very profitable one, if I should be so fortunate as to escape capture by some of the numerous French privateers then cruising in that sea; the risk of which, however, was so great (and in case of capture, subsequent condemnation almost certain) that I was disposed to accede to some reduction of the profit in prospect, by lessening the risk of the loss of the whole. With these views I sought and found a purchaser for about one-half of my cargo (at quite a large profit on the cost) to be delivered at the risk of the purchaser either at Leghorn or Genoa as I might find most safe or convenient, and received my pay in bills on England, guaranteed to my satisfaction, and to an amount equal to the cost of the whole cargo. Having accomplished that sale; having erased from my nautical instruments the name of the English maker of them; having put on shore some English coal which I had on board for fuel, as well as every book in the English language; and, in short, having put out of the vessel every article which could be considered of English pro-

duction or manufacture (except articles of merchandise of which the cargo was composed), and having cautioned my crew (all of whom, except the chief mate, were my fellow townsmen) in case of capture and of their examination to say (what was actually the truth) that they were not on board the ship until after the lading of the cargo had been completed, and that they were entirely ignorant of the kind, quality or origin of the articles of which the cargo was composed,—after these precautionary measures had been adopted, I left Cadiz, on my way to Genoa or Leghorn. On the fifth day after leaving Cadiz and not far from Malaga, I was stopped, the ship taken possession of by a prize-master and crew from a French privateer brig from Marseilles, carried into Malaga and accompanied into that port by the privateer. We arrived early in the morning and found there a great number of American and other neutral vessels, with the French flag displayed upon each and all of them. Some of them had been condemned and others were under sequestration; none of them had been acquitted nor was any one of them (but my own ship) subsequently acquitted, but every one of them condemned. After anchoring at Malaga no boat, other than those of the privateer, was permitted to approach our ship, nor was I allowed to go ashore or to communicate with any one there until late in the afternoon of the day of our arrival, when I was taken on shore and conducted, under a guard of French soldiers, directly to the office and house (both in the same building) of the French Consul, by whom, in the presence of the owner, the commander and other officers of the privateer, the papers appertaining to the ship and cargo were closely examined, and by whom I was minutely, and in the most authoritative manner, interrogated relative to each and every article of merchandise on board the ship. Where were they produced? How and by whom imported into the United States? How came they into possession of the owners of my ship? The quality, the colour and even the shade of colour of some of the articles? And I was commanded by that mighty man (for at that time the French Consul held the Spanish authorities of the place in as much subjection as he did the humblest domestic) to answer each and all his lengthy and precise interrogatories in “five words.” I assured him of my anxious desire not to prolong the investigation unnecessarily, especially as I considered my case to be too plain and clear a one to require any artifice to show it to be so; and I further assured him that, although I was in his power, I was not in such fear of that power, as to deter me from the discharge of my duty to the owners of the property under my charge, flattering him, at the same time, with the profession that I could not help but indulge a belief that my answers to any question which he might propound to me touching my cargo would be such as to satisfy him of the injustice of my detention and induce him to accord to me an immediate acquittal; but that the length

of those answers must be measured by me and not by him; and that they would be adapted to my own purpose rather than to his. The examination was closed and the record of it placed with the ship's papers, on one of the shelves of the consular office with similar papers appertaining to thirty or forty other vessels then under sequestration, at about eleven o'clock at night, when I was informed that I might return to my ship, in charge of the same guard which brought me ashore. I then asked the Consul when I might expect his decision upon my case. He said the decision must be "in turn." I asked him when that time would probably arrive. That, he said, was uncertain, as there were many cases before mine (pointing at the same time to numerous files of papers appertaining to their cases) which would require possibly two or three months, but certainly not less than one month, and that mine could not be decided short of that time. I expressed my surprise that a case so plain as mine could not be decided in one day or even in one hour as correctly as in a longer time, and, after some disputation upon that point, I told the Consul that I would not leave his office, unless taken from thence by force, until his decision was made. Towards midnight the Consul and his clerk together with the owner and officer of the privateer went out of the office, leaving me there in charge of two porters and a watchman, with whom I remained during the night, and saw nothing more of the Consul until about nine o'clock next morning when, on entering the office and expressing some surprise at finding me there, he asked me if I could give him a written order to my officers directing them and the crew to assist in unclosing such parts of the cargo as would enable a survey which he would immediately appoint, to make such an examination of the various articles composing the cargo as to enable them to report to him of what countries or colonies they were the product. I complied with his request, intimating to him at the same time that I presumed his survey would not be disposed, whatever might be their opinions, to make any other report than such as they knew would be acceptable to him. I remained in the consular office, without having once left the room from my first entrance into it, until about four o'clock in the afternoon, which was about twenty-four hours after I started from my ship. I then expressed a desire to see a notary public for the purpose of noting a protest, and was permitted, under a guard, to visit a notary whose office was but a few doors from the residence of the Consul, and after transacting my business with him, returned, in half an hour, to the Consul's office.

Shortly after my return the Consul read to me the report of his survey which declared every article of the cargo to be the product of British Colonies, and then asked me what I had to say to that report.

I replied that it was such as I expected it would be, and such I presumed, as he knew it would be, and I added (with some emphasis) that I could not but entertain the hope that an individual exercising the high functions appertaining to his office, would not permit himself to be influenced by a report which, with other declarations equally, untrue, proclaimed the article of mace (one among several kinds of spices on board my ship) to be the product of a British Colony. Nothing further was then said to me by the Consul and I sat uninterrupted in his office, expecting to pass another night there, until towards nine o'clock in the evening, when the owner, captain and other officers of the privateer (who had not been there during the day) came into the office, apparently summoned there by the Consul, who immediately held a private conference with them in one corner of the room for about half an hour; then went to his desk, wrote something which he handed to the owner and officers of the privateer, and having obtained their signatures in addition to his own to the paper which he had written, he handed it to me with my ship's papers, saying, "There sir, are all your papers with permission to go when and where you please." He also handed me an order to the prize-master and crew who were on board my ship to leave her forthwith. I endeavoured (and I believe successfully) to appear to meet that result as an expected event, but such was not the case; I had entertained but little hope of quite so favorable a result at any moment. I had, however, determined not to leave the Consul's office voluntarily, until my case was decided, if my strength enabled me to stay there so long.

My feelings on receiving such relief of body as well as of mind, may, therefore, be more easily imagined than described. I was taken to my ship in one of the boats of the privateer (none of my own ship's company having been permitted to communicate with the shore) and on delivering the order to the prize-master, he, with his crew, soon retired to the privateer, leaving me in the quiet possession of my ship and cargo. Although I had passed the preceding forty hours without a moment's sleep and without refreshment of any kind whatever, yet I should have put to sea without a moment's delay if the wind had been favorable, but it was adverse, and I felt safer at anchor in port, than under sail with a head wind in that part of the Mediterranean, and therefore concluded to wait for a favorable change of wind. On the following morning I went on shore and called on several commercial houses to whom I had letters of introduction, and on the American Consul, none of whom had I previously been permitted to see, and none of whom could readily be made to believe that I had obtained a release and permission to proceed on my voyage until I showed them the written instrument of the French Consul, nor was the American Consul fully satisfied of the fact (as he informed me when I went to

dine with him, on the same day) until he had seen the French Consul who in answer to the inquiry, why he had acted so much more promptly in my case than in any other of the numerous American vessels then in port, replied to the American Consul that he (the French Consul) yet believed my ship and cargo liable to condemnation under the late decrees of France, but that my account of the origin of the various articles composing my cargo had been so particular and so well connected and sustained that he had been induced to liberate it. He admitted, however, to the American Consul, that my apparent determination not to leave his office until my case was decided, had not been without some effect on the time and character of his decision.

Some of these transactions have been thus minutely narrated for the purpose of showing the little security, which was afforded at that time, to neutral property by the flag under which it was conducted, — and to show, also, the great responsibility and anxiety to which those having charge of neutral property, afloat, were constantly subjected.

After waiting two or three days for a favorable wind, and after obtaining the permission of the commander of a Danish frigate and convoy, which had touched at Malaga on their way up the Mediterranean, to accompany the fleet under his charge, I left Malaga and proceeded in company with the Danish convoy until the fleet was entirely dispersed by a storm, from which time I avoided as much as possible every vessel which came within sight, by which means and by approaching the port of Genoa as nearly as I dared to do in the night, I was so fortunate as to pass the “Moles” which make the harbour of that place, just at the dawn of day, without being again captured, though not without a narrow escape from several small privateers (such as were found in the vicinity of every port in the Mediterranean) which commenced their pursuit as soon as daylight afforded them a sight of my ship, and by whom I should inevitably have been intercepted and captured if I had been only a few miles farther from the port when daylight exposed me to their view.

Having reached my port of destination and having both seen and felt the immense risk of capture and condemnation to which neutral property was then exposed in the Mediterranean sea, I concluded not again to expose the whole or even a large portion of that which was then confided to my care, to such hazard; but to remit a considerable portion of it to London, and to return directly to the United States with the residue, instead of proceeding to India as was contemplated when I left home. Another inducement to adopt that plan was the prospect which then offered (and which was ultimately realized) of making a very handsome profit by taking a cargo of brandy, from some of the Spanish ports in the Mediterranean to the United States,

the purchase of which would require but a small part of my funds. Having concluded on such future proceedings, I sent orders to Barcelona while completing the sale of my outward cargo at Genoa, for the purchase of a cargo of brandy, to be held in readiness for me on my arrival there. But another and an unlooked-for difficulty and one which, for a while, threatened to frustrate all my plans, was to be encountered.

Shortly after my arrival at Genoa a French army entered that place and, after laying an embargo on all the vessels in port, commenced their operations of fitting from that port a part of the well-known expedition under Buonaparte to Egypt, hiring such vessels as they could, and taking into requisition such others as they wanted, for the transportation of their army. My ship, being the best one in port and having superior accommodations, was selected and taken into requisition for the conveyance of the "Staff of the Army," and the French General, who had the immediate and chief control of the operations in Genoa, expressed much surprise that instead of soliciting the release of my ship, as I most ardently did, I should not rather evince my gratitude for such an honour as would be conferred on me by the selection of my ship and crew for such a purpose. After two or three unsuccessful interviews with that officer for the purpose of obtaining a release, I accidentally learned that it was found impracticable to procure a sufficient quantity of salt provisions for the use of the transports; and having taken with me, from home, an ample supply of salt beef and pork for an India voyage, I had about forty barrels more than was requisite for my passage directly to America, which I caused to be immediately and privately conveyed to a place of deposit several miles from the city, and then called again on the French General and asked him if he did not wish to purchase some salt provisions. He answered affirmatively, and asked how much I had and what price I expected for it; adding "you know it is in my power to take it at my own price." I told him that he should have every barrel of it at his own price or even without price, if he would release my ship—that those were the terms and the only terms on which he could or would have it. The General was excited by my proposition and angrily threatened, before I left, to take the provisions into requisition and to make me regret having insulted him with such a proposition relating to it. Two days afterwards the General sent an order for me to appear before him, which I did, when he demanded me to "inform him promptly" where my forty barrels of provisions were, intimating a doubt of my having it, as his officers had not been able to find it. I told the General, very frankly, that if the ship which I commanded belonged wholly to myself, and the property of no other person had been confided to my charge, I might, and probably should have felt not only

willing but, perhaps, highly gratified to command the ship which was to convey a part of the "Staff of such an army on such an expedition;" but that the ship was not entirely my own; that a large part of the ship and the proceeds of a valuable cargo, belonged to other persons who had entrusted the property to my charge, and that my sense of obligation to those individuals was such as to forbid my assuming any new duties until those due to them had been discharged by the termination of the voyage in which I was then engaged. That, in accordance with views of what I conceived to be my duty, I had already removed from my ship, not only those and other articles of provisions, but also every article of value, to a place of safety known only to myself and one other person; that I had done this with a hope of thereby obtaining the release of my ship, and, if disappointed in that hope, with a fixed and irrevocable determination to abandon my vessel to the authorities of the city, in which case all my officers and every individual of my crew would quit the vessel with me. That avowal from me was met by a threat from the General to coerce me not only to a delivery of the provisions, but to the performance of any and every duty which he might assign to me; not only the ship but likewise her captain, officers and crew had, he said, been placed under requisition by the French Republic; a requisition not to be frustrated, he said, by any human being; and (for the purpose, I presume, of augmenting the force of those last words of the General) a subaltern officer who was present, added (with an enthusiasm which seemed to appertain to all the French officers), "Yes, sir, suppose God had one ship here and the Republic wanted it, he must give it."

The interview was terminated by a declaration from me, that a release of the ship was the only price and the only means by which he could or would by any act of mine, obtain possession of the provisions, and I again left him. The following day a highly respectable merchant of Genoa, with whom I had transacted some business and at whose house I had met the French General, called on me with an invitation to accompany him to the residence of the General, who, in the presence of the merchant, gave his assurance that if I would put the provisions into the possession of that merchant, I should receive the actual cost of it in America and the release of my ship. This arrangement was immediately carried into effect, and, before the close of that day, I was again in the full and quiet possession of my vessel, for which I felt wholly indebted to the accidental circumstance of my being in possession of that otherwise trifling article of salt provisions; and I could not but consider that a more beneficial disposal of forty barrels of beef and pork had, probably, never been made than in this instance.

I have been thus particular in the relation of the second case of arbitrary power which I had experienced within the space of two

months, to show the total disregard of neutral rights which was then evinced by the belligerent governments.

Immediately on obtaining the release of my ship I engaged to take a freight of wheat to Barcelona (where I had purchased a cargo of brandy) and my ship was therewith loaded and ready for sea in a very few days; but as the embargo was not raised until the day of the sailing of the French Expedition we were detained a week or ten days longer, when we sailed in company with that expedition, but instead of adhering to it and proceeding toward Egypt, as my ship had for a while seemed destined to, I soon left the fleet on my more westerly course towards Barcelona, where I arrived without accident and, after delivering my cargo of wheat, proceeded to the port of Salon in Spain. On landing at Salon, I was placed, for a short time, in rather an awkward situation, no less so than finding myself under the guidance of one of the brute creation. As soon as the ship was safely anchored at that port I hastened on shore of a Sunday morning, to procure a conveyance (which I had been informed was always to be had there) to the city of Reus, about ten or twelve miles in the interior, where I had ordered the purchase of a cargo of brandy; but on landing at Salon the only means of conveyance to be procured was a horse, and only one horse, which horse was not only to carry me, but also to guide me to Reus.

Having ascertained that between Salon and Reus there were some roads diverging from the direct one with scarcely a house to be seen near either of them, it was not without some hesitation that I consented to take such a conveyance, and such a guide; but feeling an anxious desire to hasten the loading of the ship, I was at length induced by the strong assurance of the hostler that the horse "saba" the way, to trust myself entirely to the guidance of the animal; and had the satisfaction to find that his owner had not misrepresented his faculties, for he not only pursued the direct road to Reus (passing by several others on the way) but, on reaching that city, he took me also directly to the door of its principal hotel, after turning the corners of several streets which led to it—so that instead of guiding I was actually and entirely guided by a horse from the seashore of Salon to the principal hotel at Reus and as well guided as any human being could have done it. There I took in a full cargo of brandy and wine, with which (stopping a few hours at Gibraltar to enable me to pass through the "Gut" in the night and thereby avoid the privateers in that vicinity), I had the good fortune to escape further capture and to reach Boston in August, 1798, thus terminating a voyage of immense hazard and of incessant and intense anxiety from the moment of my arrival at Cadiz and hearing of the existence of the French decrees, until its close; so much so, especially as it had been a voyage of profit as well as of pain, as to induce me to conclude to take

an interval of rest on shore, in the course of which, the comforts and conveniences of my mother and her family were somewhat increased by various expenditures within and upon the house which I purchased for them four years before.

Under those decrees of the French Government which caused me to be sent into Malaga, and other decrees of a similar character which were subsequently issued by that government, numerous captures were made of American property, and great dissatisfaction thereby created throughout the country; so much so, as to cause two special missions (following each other) from the government of the United States to the government of France on the subject, by the latter of which missions a Treaty was negotiated in which the injustice of those captures was fully recognized — but that Treaty with France, like the one with England of 1794, failed to prevent a continuance of depredations on our commerce.

Shortly after my arrival at Boston, in August, 1798, it was concluded to send the ship *Portland* back to the Mediterranean, owned as on her former voyage (one-third part by myself) and she was soon despatched on such a voyage. Previous to the departure of that ship Mr. Eben. Preble and myself purchased another vessel, a large schooner, for a voyage to Lisbon and thence to Russia, to be confided to the care and management of my brother William, who then commenced his duties as master and supercargo, before he was quite twenty years of age, and who continued in charge of the same vessel and cargo for about three years, trading (after the first voyage) between Boston and the Island of Cuba. It was in the course of my residence on shore at that interval between my voyages, viz., in the autumn of 1799, that the present "East India Marine Society" of this city was brought into existence by the efforts of a few other East India shipmasters and myself; and organized in January, 1800, a short time previous to my leaving this country for India. The first rules, etc., of the society were drafted by me, as one of the committee appointed for that purpose.

I remained on shore and about home, from August, 1798, until the latter part of January, 1800, in the course of which time I had several offers to go abroad, for which I felt grateful but declined their acceptance. Before the return of the ship *Portland*, which took place late in the autumn of 1799, I had become so very tired of staying on shore and so anxious to resume more active duties that I made a conditional sale of my part of that ship and made an engagement to become a part owner, with the late Ebenezer Preble and Samuel Parkman of Boston, of a larger and better ship, called the "*Herald*" of about three hundred and thirty tons, in which, with a crew of thirty men and armed with ten guns, I sailed from Boston on the twenty-ninth day of January, 1800, for Madeira and thence to Madras and Calcutta,

with a stock of sixty-three thousand dollars in specie and merchandise, and with credits authorizing drafts on England or the United States, for about forty thousand dollars, making together over one hundred thousand dollars, which, at that time, was considered a very large stock — of which, as in my previous voyages to India, I furnished, besides my interest as owner of one-fourth part of the vessel and cargo, five per cent of the cost of the outward cargo and for which I was to take ten per cent of the return cargo, at the close of the voyage as my compensation for transacting the business thereof.

On that voyage I took with me in the capacity of clerk, my other brother, Zachariah, then about sixteen and a half years old (being the first time of his leaving home) and furnished him with a small adventure for his own account. After stopping at Madeira and Madras, we reached Calcutta the latter part of July and remained there until the last of October, procuring a return cargo, with which we left the mouth of the river Hoogly on the first day of November, in company with four other American ships; the "Perseverance" Captain Williamson, the "Cleopatra" Captain Naylor, the "Grace" Captain Davis, all of Philadelphia, and the "Sphinx" Captain Brantz of Baltimore; the captains and supercargoes of these ships and myself having entered into an engagement, before leaving Calcutta, to keep company with each other until we passed the latitude of the southern part of the Island of Ceylon, with a hope that our united force (each ship having from eight to twelve guns) might enable us to defend our property against the attack of a single French privateer, several of which were known to be cruising in Bengal Bay. Of this squadron of American Indiamen, I was designated as the Commodore.

On the morning of the third day of November, at daylight, two strange sails were discovered a few leagues to windward of us, one of which was soon recognized to be the East India Company's packet ship "Cornwallis" of eighteen guns, which left the river at the same time with us. At about 8 o'clock, A. M., the other ship stood towards the "Cornwallis," soon after which the latter bore down upon us under full sail, commencing at the same time a running fight with the other ship which then displayed French colours. We soon perceived that they were both plying their sweeps very briskly, that the Frenchman's grape was making great havoc on the Cornwallis, and that the crew of the latter ship had cut away her boats and were throwing overboard their ballast and other articles for the purpose of lightening their ship, and thereby facilitating their escape. The sea was perfectly smooth and the wind very light, so much so that it was quite mid-day before either of the ships were within gunshot of us, by which time we (the five American ships) were in a close line, our decks cleared of a large stock of poultry (which with their coops

could be seen for considerable distance round us) and every preparation made to defend ourselves, to the extent of our ability; but this display of resistance on our part seemed to be quite disregarded by the pursuing ship, and she continued steering directly for my own ship which was in the center of our fleet, until she was fully and fairly within gunshot, when my own guns were first opened upon her, which were instantly followed by those of each and all of the other four ships.

When the matches were applied to our guns the French ship was plying her sweeps, and, with studding-sails on both sides, coming directly upon us; but when the smoke of our guns, caused by repeated broadsides from each of our ships, had so passed off as to enable us to see her distinctly, she was close upon the wind and going from us. The captain of the "Cornwallis" (which was then within hailing distance) expressed a wish to exchange signals with us, and to keep company while the French ship (which was known by him to be "La Gloire," a privateer of twenty-two nine pounders and four hundred men) was in sight, which request was complied with, and he having lost all his boats, I went on board his ship, where our signals were made known to him, and where the captain and officers of the "Cornwallis" acknowledged the protection which we had afforded them in the most grateful terms.

The "Cornwallis" continued with us two days, in the course of which, the privateer approached us several times in the night, but finding that we were awake, hauled off and after the second night we saw no more of her. A sketch of that encounter, from the pencil of my highly esteemed friend, Lewis Brantz, Esq., of Baltimore, who commanded the "Sphinx," was subsequently sent to me by him and that sketch was borrowed of me several years thereafter by an Italian friend then in this country, without my having the least suspicion of the purpose for which it was borrowed until some seven or eight months after, when it was returned to me accompanied by a scagliola table-piece, from Leghorn, exhibiting a copy of Mr. Brantz's sketch, which had been sent to Italy for that purpose.¹

¹ This interesting art-work is well represented at the Institute by a "Guido's Aurora," imported by William Silsbee, and by several fine pieces imported and used by Senator Silsbee, — one of them the centre-piece of a dinner table, at which have dined some of the most distinguished of Americans. Of the Scagliola table described above by Senator Silsbee, his grand-daughter, Mrs. Mary C. Whitwell, who now has it, writes as follows, August 9, 1898: "The table-top is circular and thirty-eight inches in diameter and the painting occupies a circle in the centre, of sixteen inches diameter, surrounded with a narrow conventional wreath in shades of yellow. Near the outer edge, and four inches in width is another and more elaborate wreath in the same shades of yellow, and of the nature of scrolls of acanthus leaves."

That voyage in the "Herald" was terminated by a safe arrival at Boston toward the last of February, 1801, and to the satisfaction, I believe, of all who were interested in it.

At the close of that voyage I had so far advanced my pecuniary means as to feel that another voyage might and probably would enable me to retire from the sea and to change my condition on shore.

With the prospect already mentioned, that I might and probably should, at the close of another voyage, be enabled to retire from the sea, I did, on the first day of April, 1801, make to Miss Mary Crowninshield, daughter and one of the youngest children of George and Mary Crowninshield, and grand-daughter of the late Richard Derby (who was about five and a half years younger than myself—I had long entertained a hope, unknown, however, to her, that she might remain unengaged until I could, consistently with the course which I had prescribed to myself, make such a proposal) my first advance towards matrimony. An engagement of our future union was the result.

With such a change of situation in prospect, I sailed again in the ship "Herald" on the eighteenth day of April, with a valuable cargo under my charge, for the north of Europe with an intention of proceeding from thence to India, or to return from Europe to the United States, as I might think best. While at Rotterdam (to which port I proceeded after having stopped in England and passed a few days in London for the purpose of obtaining information of the state of the European markets) I concluded not to go to India, but to proceed to St. Petersburg for a return cargo, stopping on the way at Copenhagen to dispose of part of the outward cargo which I did, and from the time of entering the Gulf of Finland (not having been able to procure a pilot for that sea) until arriving at Cronstadt, which was more than forty-eight hours, I never left the ship's deck nor closed my eyes in sleep for a single moment.

I brought from St. Petersburg one of the largest investments of Russian manufactures which, at that time, had ever been taken from that port in any one American vessel, with which cargo I arrived safe at Boston, the latter part of September of the same year 1801, when my duties as a shipmaster terminated.

A new commander and supercargo was obtained for the ship "Herald" and she was fitted and despatched for India. My brother, Zachariah, who had accompanied me on the last two voyages, was continued in her for the next voyage, in the same capacity of clerk. I retained my part of the "Herald" and cargo and became part owner of a new ship called the "Levant" which Mr. Ebenezer Preble was then building for my brother William to take charge of; and which he retained the charge of until the year 1807, when he also retired from the sea.

The political excitement which existed in this country, at the time

of my becoming a citizen on shore, was such as to make it difficult, if not impracticable, for any one so situated, to maintain a position of perfect neutrality—there seemed to be no other than belligerent ground to stand on. On the fourth day of March, 1801, Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated President, and Aaron Burr, Vice-President, of the United States. The result of that election, after the greatest political contest which had ever taken place in this country, evinced the ascendancy of the Republican over the Federal party. Those two political parties had existed since the discussions which took place in the different States of this Union, in the year 1788, upon the expediency of adopting the present Constitution of the United States which had been framed and recommended by a convention of delegates from each and all the States, held at Philadelphia, and which terminated on the seventeenth day of September, 1787. Those two parties first existed under the appellation of "Federalists" and "Anti-Federalists" and subsequently under that of Federalists and Republicans; the former of which were ascendent in the government from its organization under the present Constitution in March, 1789, until the period of Mr. Jefferson's election. When those parties originated in 1788, I was too young to know or to think much of political affairs, and from that time until the autumn of 1801 (with the exception of one year, 1799) I was but seldom within the limits of the United States, and even then but rarely, if ever, longer than one or two months at a time; consequently I had not participated in any of the doings of either of the political parties, and had never attended any political meeting, or ever given my vote on any occasion. I could not then approve, nor have I at any time since, of all the acts or even of all the principles of either of those two parties, but those of the Republican party were, in my judgment, generally more correct and better adapted to the institutions of this country, than those of the other party; and, with those impressions, although most of my personal friends were of the Federal party, I became attached to the Republican party, though I could not and did not approve or support, either by my vote or otherwise, all their measures. The first vote that I ever gave, on any public occasion was, I think, at the spring election of 1802.

From the close of my last voyage in September, 1801, I was necessarily in Boston most of the time, aiding in fitting the two ships (*Herald* and *Levant*) for sea, until December, when, both vessels having sailed, I was enabled to pass most of my time in Salem, which was to be my future, as it had been my past, place of residence, and in the following summer of 1802, after having hired a house for the use of my mother's family, I commenced repairs and alterations of my own house (which had been previously occupied by them) for the accommodation of a family of my own; and on the evening of the

twelfth of December, 1802, I became a married man, and immediately after the marriage ceremony had been performed at the residence of her father, myself and wife proceeded to our own house and became housekeepers.

Nothing occurred to mar our happiness until the fifteenth day of September, 1803, when our first born child, a beautiful daughter, born on the thirteenth day of the same month, and only two days old, was suddenly taken from us by death — an event yet fresh in my recollection. In the course of the same month of September, 1803, the ship "Herald" returned from India, and my brother Zachariah, who had been in her the three voyages as clerk, was placed in charge of ship and cargo on a voyage to Batavia, and sailed on that voyage in December following.

Each of my two brothers was now in charge of good ships with valuable cargoes, in the India trade, and with as fair prospects of success as young men, thus situated, could hope for; and this circumstance contributed in no small degree to the augmentation of my own happiness — having, since the death of my father, considered the duties devolving on me towards them to be those of parent as well as of brother; and my efforts as well as my solicitude for their advancement and happiness were of a parental as well as of a brotherly character. In the autumn of the same year (1803) I extended my interest in commerce by the purchase of a part of two other vessels which were sent on voyages to India.

In the month of May, 1804, my brother Zachariah having returned in the ship "Herald," with a cargo of coffee from Batavia, it was concluded by the owners to send the ship and cargo to Holland, and from thence to send the ship on a voyage to China, under my brother's charge. My own health at that time, not being so good as usual, I was not only invited but urged by the other owners, to take passage in the ship to Holland and to direct the management of the business there, and as inducement (additional to that of improving my health) they most unexpectedly to me as well as most generously (for I could not but so consider it) proffered me, in addition to the full compensation allowed to my brother as supercargo, a commission on the sale of the cargo in Holland. On the tenth day of June, I took leave, for the first time in my life, of a wife and of a home of my own, and sailed from the harbour of Salem (to which, for my own accommodation, the ship had been brought from Boston) for Rotterdam, where we arrived safe, disposed of the cargo, and from whence the ship was dispatched on the contemplated voyage to China; soon after which I took passage for Boston and arrived at Provincetown harbor (Cape Cod) about the middle of December, and from thence reached Salem, by land, two days after, when and where I had not only the happiness of finding

my wife and other connections whom I had anticipated the pleasure of meeting, in good health, but also the unexpected satisfaction of meeting my brother William, who had arrived from Batavia much earlier than had been anticipated. The pleasure of meeting my connections on that occasion was increased by the influence of a strong hope that I might never again feel obliged, or be induced, to leave my family or my home, for any length of time.

On the morning of the twenty-eighth of December of the same year, 1804, I received at Boston, a message by express from Salem, announcing to me the birth, on that morning, of a son, which intelligence brought me to Salem in less than two hours after it reached me at Boston, and the child was introduced to me by the name of "Nathaniel Junior," which name had been, thus far, bestowed before I had ever seen him.¹

In 1806 I gave to my mother and sister, during their lives and the life of the survivor of them, a piece of land contiguous to the premises then occupied by myself and, jointly with my two brothers, built a dwelling house upon it which was also given to them (my mother and sister) during their lives and which they took possession of in the early part of the year 1807. In the spring of that year (1807) both of my brothers (who then and for some time thereafter) made a part of my mother's family) arrived in this country, from India, nearly at the same time, and as one of the owners of the two ships in which they had been employed was retiring from commercial pursuits, both ships were sold at public auction.

In the month of June of that year (1807) a great and unlooked-for excitement throughout the country was caused by an attack near the Capes of Virginia, of the British frigate "Leopard" upon the United States frigate "Chesapeake," because, as was alleged, some English seamen who had absconded from the former, had been permitted to enter on board the latter ship. Upon this "Chesapeake affair" (as it was called) meetings were called and the public sentiment expressed in almost every city, town and village of the Union, and on the thirteenth of July, Mr. Jefferson (then President of the United States) issued a proclamation calling a special meeting of Congress on the twenty-sixth of October, 1807. On the twenty-second of December a general embargo was laid, by Congress, upon all American vessels engaged in foreign commerce; and that embargo was continued until the first of March, 1809, when it was repealed and, as a substitute therefor, an Act of Non-intercourse with England and with France was passed and continued in force against England until the revocation of her "Orders in Council," and against France until the revocation of her

¹ Mayor of Salem, 1849-50 and 1858-59; treasurer of Harvard University, 1862-76.

"Berlin and Milan Decrees," so far as those "Orders in Council" and those "Decrees" affected the commerce of the United States.

Having found it inconvenient to pass so much of my time at Boston and away from my family, as my interest in the two ships which my brothers commanded had occasionally compelled me to do, and as my brother William had determined to retire from the sea, we (my two brothers and myself) had a ship built at Salem to which the name of "Herald" was given, and which was launched in November, 1807, and would have sailed immediately for India under the charge of my brother Zachariah; but before she could be dispatched, the embargo just alluded to was laid by our government, which kept the "Herald" at the wharf until its termination in March, 1809, soon after which the "Herald" sailed, under command of my brother, for Sumatra, since which time there has not, I think, a single year elapsed (except during the continuance of the late war between this country and England) in which I have not been interested in one or more vessels to that Island, for the article of pepper, and in all the vessels on voyages in which I have been interested since that period, my brothers had an opportunity of taking a share, if they wished to.

In the month of April, 1808, Mr. Jacob Crowninshield, a brother of my wife and then the Representative of this District in Congress, died at Washington, within a year after the death of his amiable wife, events which caused an irreparable loss to their four young children. Mr. Crowninshield had been four years a member of Congress, in the course of which he was nominated by Mr. Jefferson (then the President of the United States) and confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of the Navy, but which appointment he declined accepting on account of the then delicate state of his wife's health. Between Mr. Jacob Crowninshield and myself there existed an intimate acquaintance and I think I may say, a sincere friendship, which was commenced in early life and in foreign countries, where we occasionally met while sailing in the employ of the late Mr. Derby, first in the capacity of clerks and subsequently as masters and factors, and which intimacy and friendship were, doubtless, increased and strengthened by my subsequent connection with his sister. I have ever considered his death as an event which deprived me of one of my most valued friends. The remains of Mr. Crowninshield were brought from Washington and landed at Salem from a vessel which brought them from Baltimore; and the procession which followed them from the wharf to the place of interment passed his former residence on the same day of the same month and about the same hour of the day, in which the funeral of his wife took place from that residence in the preceding year.

On the morning of the tenth of April, 1809, my own family was further increased by the birth of a daughter; and on that occasion it was

not necessary to send from home to apprise me of the event, as was the case when the last preceding similar event occurred; to that daughter was given the name of her mother, "Mary Crowninshield." I then felt quite contented with the share of the blessings of this life which had been accorded to me, and my solicitude was rather to retain what I had than to acquire more.

Early in the month of June, 1810, I left home accompanied by Mrs. Silsbee and our two children and also by my brother, Zachariah Silsbee, and attended by a maid-servant, for Saratoga; stopping a short time, on our way there, at Worcester, Northampton and Lebanon. On our return from Saratoga, after passing a month in the vicinity of the much frequented Springs of that place, we took passage at Albany on board the "Car of Neptune" (the first steamboat which either of us had ever been on board of) and after a passage, which was then considered a very short one, of twenty-seven and a half hours, we landed at the city of New York, which was the first time that either of us had been at that place. In the course of the day on which we arrived at that city, I visited the burial ground in which, nineteen years before that time (in 1791), the remains of my father had been interred. We came from New York to Providence on our way home, in a packet vessel (steamboats had not then commenced running in the "Sound").

In February, 1812, my brother Zachariah on his return from Europe concluded to abandon a seafaring life and to try his fortune on shore, and from that time the adventures and speculations of either myself or my brothers, were for account of all three of us; not, however, as "co-partners" but for the account of each, in such proportions as were from time to time, agreed on between us, according to our respective means.

Connected with the seafaring lives of myself and my brothers there were some circumstances which do not usually occur in one family. In the first place, each of us commenced that occupation in the capacity of clerk; myself at the age of about fourteen years; my brother William,¹ at about fifteen (he having previously passed between two and three years in a store on shore) and my brother Zachariah at about sixteen and a half years of age. Each and all of us obtained the command of vessels and the consignment of their cargoes before attaining the age of twenty years, viz., myself at the age of eighteen and a half, my brother William at nineteen and a half, and my brother Zachariah before he was twenty years old. Each and all of us left off going to sea before reaching the age of twenty-nine years, viz., myself at twenty-eight and a half; William at twenty-eight; and Zachariah at twenty-eight and a half years of age. My brother William

¹ See Hist. Coll. Essex Inst., Vol. V, pp. 193 and 247.

never had charge of but two vessels, to the one or the other of which he was continually attached during the whole of the eight and a half years that he commanded a vessel, and my brother Zachariah was never at sea in any capacity but in two vessels and both of those vessels bore the same name, as after the sale of the ship in which his first voyages were made, the same name "Herald" was given to a new ship in which he finished his seafaring life.

On the eighteenth day of June, 1812, after an embargo of sixty days, the government of the United States declared war against England, which had a most depressing effect upon the commercial interest of the country. The vessels that were at home were generally dismantled and hauled up, except such as were suitable for privateers; and although a much larger proportion of the vessels and property which happened to be abroad at the commencement of the war escaped capture than was expected, yet a number of those vessels and a considerable amount of property fell into the hands of the enemy and caused large losses to the commercial part of the community.

In the month of December of that year (1812) a settlement was made by compromise, of a suit which had been long pending in the Courts of this Commonwealth (and which had for several years caused me great inquietude) against the owners of the ship "Levant" and also against my brother William as master of that ship, upon a contract made by him at the Isle of France, in December, 1802, to deliver a cargo of pepper at Bordeaux in France, which he was prevented executing by an unlooked-for renewal of the war between England and France, before he reached Europe, and by the existence of such "Decrees" and "Orders" of the belligerent powers as subjected to capture and condemnation any vessel proceeding to either of these countries, from a colony of such country. Besides the amount which (by a compromise) was paid by the owners of the ship, my brother, as master, had to pay between eight and nine thousand dollars which I considered so heavy a draft upon his means, that I gratuitously paid nearly one-half the amount or about four thousand dollars for him as a donation, besides what I had to pay as part owner of the vessel.

In the summer of 1813 my wife lost her good mother, after a sickness which had confined her to her bed for two years.

About the first of June, 1814, I left Salem, accompanied by Mr. Robert Stone, for New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and with the intention of extending our journey to Kentucky, Ohio, and some of the other western states of the Union; but while at the city of Washington (the first time that I was ever in that city, and not then entertaining the most remote thought that I should, thereafter, be called to pass so much of my time there) I received such intelligence of the presence of the enemy's ships off the harbour of Salem, and of

the apprehension that a landing from them might be attempted, in that vicinity, that I was induced by a sense of duty to my family as well as by a regard for my property, to relinquish the western tour which I had contemplated making, and hasten home, which I accordingly did; and soon after my return, in July, I removed my family to a residence, hired for that purpose, in the town of Middleton, where they remained until late in the ensuing autumn, during which time we were in continual expectation of a visit from the British ships which remained in sight off our harbour; and so strong were the apprehensions of such a visit that I did not pass even a single night with my family while they were at Middleton, nor was I ever beyond the limits of Salem, between sunset and sunrise, during that time, but always slept by, if not on my arms.

In the month of February, 1815, the news of peace, between this country and England, which had been negotiated by the commissioners of the two countries (Messrs. John Quincy Adams, James A. Bayard, Henry Clay, Albert Gallatin, and Jonathan Russell, in behalf of the United States) at Ghent, reached here, and was received with demonstrations of universal joy in every part of the country.

Although I rather gained than lost money by the shares which I took in several privateers, yet at the close of the war the amount of my property was nearly twenty per cent, or one-fifth part less than at the commencement of it; a considerable part of which reduction was caused by my subscriptions to the loans which were made to the government in the early part of the war, principally for six per cent stock, at par, and which stock, at the close of the war, was not worth more than eighty to eighty-two cents on the dollar. At this rate much of it was sold, nor did it rise much, if any, above that price for a long time after the peace, and prior to that event it had got down as low as fifty cents on the dollar, and but few purchasers to be found even at that reduced price.

In the month of June, 1815, Mrs. Silsbee's father died, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, and during a life of that unusual length he had enjoyed almost uninterrupted health until a few months before his death.

Immediately after the passing, by Congress, on the tenth of April, 1816, of the act establishing the "Bank of the United States," I was appointed by the executive government of the United States, a joint commissioner with the late William Gray and John Parker of Boston, to receive the subscriptions within this State, to that institution, of which, upon its organization, I was elected a director of the branch established at Boston; and was annually reëlected to the direction either of that branch or of the parent bank at Philadelphia, from 1816 until 1832, when I declined being a candidate for reëlection.

In the autumn of 1816, at a Republican convention held at Salem, of delegates from the several towns of this congressional district, I was nominated as their candidate to represent this district, in the then next congress; this occurrence was to me a most unexpected one — I had not the slightest knowledge nor had I even ever heard the intimation or conjecture that such a nomination was contemplated by any one, until I was officially notified of it by a committee deputed for that purpose by the convention.

Having, on several occasions, declined invitations to be a candidate for the State Legislature, and never having felt the least inclination to assume any public trusts, but, on the contrary, an aversion to them and having, moreover, never been afflicted with the smallest share of ambition for public honours, especially such as would call me from my commercial pursuits and from my home (to both of which I felt strong attachments, and preferred them to any other occupation or to any other home) I could not and did not hesitate to decline the proffered honour of the convention. I was, however, prevailed upon by the committee and by others, to allow the nomination to be acted upon, although I could not and did not consent to take the office, in the event of my being elected to it, of which I thought, as I presume every one else did, that there was but very little probability.

The Federal party had then held a majority of the votes of this congressional district and had elected their candidate for the last preceding eight years. Moreover, the late Hon. Timothy Pickering who then represented the district and who, it was understood, would be their candidate at the coming election and who had already been publicly proclaimed as such, was one of the most distinguished public characters as well as one of the most respectable individuals of the State, against whose reelection his political opponents could not and did not entertain much, if any, hope of success; but shortly after the "Republican" nomination was announced in the newspapers, Colonel Pickering most unexpectedly declined being a candidate and Mr. Thomas Stevens of Beverly (a merchant of high respectability) was nominated as my opponent, and the contest between that gentleman and myself was, very unexpectedly to me, decided in my favor though but by a small majority. The result of that election afforded but little satisfaction to me, and if I could have foreseen the effect upon the best part of the residue of my life, by keeping me, as it did, in public service for the ensuing eighteen years, I should, most certainly, never have incurred the personal inconveniences and pecuniary disadvantages to which I have thereby been subjected.

In the spring of 1817 James Monroe, who was then President of the United States, visited the Eastern and Middle States of the Union. I was one of the committee which was appointed by the citizens of

Salem to invite the President to visit the town and to make the necessary arrangements for his reception and accommodation. The invitation was accepted by the President and, on the first day of his visit, he was publicly conducted to the "Essex" now "La Fayette Coffee House" where accommodations had been provided for him and where he dined with the committee and a number of guests. In the evening of that day, July 8, he met the ladies and gentlemen of the place and of the immediate neighbourhood at the Town Hall which had been prepared for that purpose. On the next day, he visited the Fort in company with the committee and a number of other citizens; and on his return from the Fort he partook of a collation at my house, accompanied by the committee and other gentlemen of Salem and its vicinity. On the following day he dined with Mr. B. W. Crowninshield (then Secretary of the Navy) having taken his breakfast on the same day, in company with the committee, with Colonel Thorndike at his residence in Beverly.

On leaving here, Mr. Monroe proceeded to the eastward and, after going as far as Portland, returned to Washington by a route south of this place.

On the fourth day of November, 1817, I reluctantly left Salem in our own carriage, accompanied by Mrs. Silsbee, our two children and a female attendant, to take my seat in Congress, on its meeting on the first Monday of December, at Washington. On our way to that city, after stopping a few days at New York, we made a yet longer stoppage at Philadelphia, at the same boarding house with Mrs. Silsbee's sister (Mrs. Rice) who was then residing temporarily in that city; it having been for the purpose of affording the sisters an opportunity of passing a little time together, that we left Salem some time earlier than we should otherwise have done. We reached Washington only a few days before the meeting of Congress, and proceeded directly to the boarding house of Mrs. Thompson, one of the "Six Buildings" on Pennsylvania Avenue, the whole of which house had been previously engaged by Mr. B. W. Crowninshield (then Secretary of the Navy) for the accommodation of his own and my family. That session of Congress was the first session of the Fifteenth Congress, and the first session under the administration of Mr. Monroe. The officers of the executive branch of the government being—James Monroe, President, Daniel D. Tompkins of New York, Vice-President; John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts, Secretary of State; William H. Crawford of Georgia, Secretary of the Treasury; John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, Secretary of War; Benjamin W. Crowninshield of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Navy and William Wirt of Virginia, Attorney General. The Senators from Massachusetts (which then included the District, now the State, of Maine) were Harrison G. Otis of Boston and Eli P. Ash-

mun of Northampton. The delegates from Massachusetts to the House of Representatives (of which Henry Clay of Kentucky was then the Speaker), being nineteen in number, were: Benjamin Adams of Uxbridge, Samuel C. Allen of Greenfield, Walter Folger, jr., of Nantucket, Timothy Fuller of Cambridge, Joshua Gage of Augusta, Me., John Holmes of Alfred, Me., Jonathan Mason of Boston, Elijah H. Mills of Northampton, Marcus Morton of Taunton, Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport, Benjamin Orr of Brunswick, Me., (Maine was then part of Massachusetts), Albion K. Parris of Paris, Me., Nathaniel Ruggles of Roxbury, Zabdiel Sampson of Plymouth, Henry Shaw of Lanesborough, Solomon Story of Westminster, Ezekiel Whitman of Portland, Me., John Wilson of Belfast, Me., and myself.

A most dejecting occurrence overtook my family on the very threshold of my public labors. While in the chamber of the House of Representatives on the first day of the meeting of that Congress, and the first day of my congressional duties, I received several letters from home, announcing to me the very sudden and much lamented death of Mrs. Silsbee's eldest brother, Mr. George Crowninshield, who had been a member of my family the greater part of the time since the death of his father in 1815, and who was the last person of whom, on the step of my own door, I took leave on my departure from Salem, and without the slightest apprehension that it was the last time that I should see him.

An occurrence, while dining with Mr. Clay (Speaker of the House of Representatives) in the course of that session of Congress, is yet strongly impressed on my recollection and affords a verification of the old adage that "the truth may not always be spoken without causing regret."

It had been stated in some of the public journals that a sea turtle had been taken and carried in to New York which weighed one hundred and thirty pounds. That statement was alluded to at the dinner table, and caused some of the gentlemen then present (who had seen no other than land-turtles) to express in strong terms, their disbelief of the truth of the statement, and their regret that an editor of a public journal should attempt so far to impose on the community as to give circulation to such a report. Knowing that sea-turtles were often found of a much larger size than of one hundred and thirty pounds, I was induced to make some remarks upon the subject with a view to remove from the editor of the journal those unfavorable impressions towards him which his story of the turtle seemed to have created; and on being asked if I had seen or ever before heard of so large a turtle, I unhesitatingly answered affirmatively, and added that I had myself, on more than one occasion, taken them at the Island of Ascension, on my way from India, weighing more than four hundred pounds,

an avowal, which although nothing could be more true, caused me much regret for some time thereafter, as I could not but apprehend from the astonishment expressed by some of the highly respectable gentlemen then present (with whom I had then enjoyed but a short acquaintance) that either my veracity, or the correctness of my memory, was somewhat suspected by them.

In the month of November, 1818, and shortly before the meeting of the next session of Congress, I was enabled to attain and to impart full confirmation of what I had said on the subject. Mr. Clay, while on a short visit to this part of the country, at that time, dined and passed a day with me at Salem, in the course of which I took him to the East India Museum, where I called to his recollection the turtle story at his table in Washington (which had not then ceased to harass my feelings) and then, with the shell of a sea-turtle before us, I asked several highly respectable members of the E. I. M. Society who were present if they had ever taken any such turtle in the course of their voyages and if so, of what size they had generally found them to be; and I had the satisfaction to hear many of those members say that they had frequently taken such turtle, and had but seldom found them weighing less than five hundred and from that up to eight hundred pounds each. I requested Mr. Clay to bear in mind those declarations, assuring him that I should call on him at Washington to repeat them to each and every individual who was at his dinner table with me on the occasion alluded to. They were so repeated, by Mr. Clay, to each and to all those gentlemen, and my own mind thereby relieved from the unpleasant apprehensions which had for some time disturbed it, and which have caused me to be more circumspect, on similar occasions, ever since.

On my return to Salem in May, 1818, at the close of my first congressional session, I purchased, in compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Silsbee a site which she selected for the purpose (on the east side of Pleasant street and opposite Washington square) and commenced building thereon a new brick dwelling house to which was devoted as much time as could be spared from my commercial pursuits during the whole of that summer.

In the autumn of that year I was, in opposition to my ardent and sincere solicitations and entreaties, nominated for the reelection to Congress and at the request of a number of the leading individuals of both of the then existing political parties (Republican and Federal) I consented to abide the result; with a positive declaration, however, that I would not again consent to such a proposal. As there was no candidate formally opposed to me, I was elected by a large majority though a number of votes were cast for Colonel Pickering, without, as was said, either his own concurrence or that of his influential friends.

The latter part of November, 1818, I took leave of my family and friends, on my second tour of duty at Washington; and never had I left them so reluctantly — the anticipation of it had caused me much inquietude for a long time preceding my departure. On reaching Washington I engaged lodgings (including a parlor for myself) at the house of Mrs. Thompson (with whom myself and family boarded the preceding session) and prevailed on Mr. Z. Sampson and Mr. Hale, father of George Silsbee Hale, members of the House of Representatives, from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, to take lodgings in the same house and to form a mess with me; and tendered to them the unrestrained use of my parlor in which we passed, in the course of the session, many social and pleasant hours, and formed a friendship for each other which continued between Mr. Sampson and myself until he was called out of life several years thereafter; and which is yet uninterrupted and which I trust, will ever be cherished by the survivors of us. Subsequent to the period of our thus residing together, my name was introduced into the families of both of those gentlemen. Mr. Sampson gave the name of "Zabdiel Silsbee Sampson" to a son born thereafter and Mr. Hale gave the name of "George Silsbee Hale" to one of his sons born some time thereafter. The members of the executive branch of the government were the same at the commencement of the first session of the fifteenth Congress, except that Smith Thompson of New York was Secretary of the Navy instead of B. W. Crowninshield who had resigned that office. The Massachusetts delegation to that second session of the fifteenth Congress were, in the Senate, Harrison G. Otis and Prentiss Mellen; and in the House of Representatives, the same as the preceding session, with the exception of Enoch Lincoln in the place of A. K. Paris, who had resigned. At the close of that short session, in March following, Mrs. Silsbee met me at New York, on my way home, for the purpose of making some purchases for our new house, the completion of which occupied no small portion of my time until the nineteenth day of October, 1819, on which day my family took possession of it as their future residence.

This house and the land appurtenant cost me about twenty-five thousand dollars, which, having been procured at the request of Mrs. Silsbee, I considered as specially hers, and charged to the funds which I had received as her share of the estates of her father and brother George Crowninshield.

After passing about a month with my family in our new residence I left them and it, on my third tour of duty at Washington, and took lodgings, soon after reaching there, at the boarding house of Mrs. McLeod on Pennsylvania Avenue, with a small and pleasant mess composed of Gen. Alexander Smyth of Virginia, Ezekiel Whitman of Port-

land, Edward Dowse of Dedham, and myself — all members of the House of Representatives. In that residence together, during a long session of Congress (from the early part of December until the latter part of May) a friendship was established between the two last-named gentlemen and myself, which continued without abatement during the life of Mr. Dowse and which has not yet, and I think never will be impaired between Mr. Whitman and myself, who are the only survivors of that mess, Gen. Smyth as well as Mr. Dowse having been long since called out of life. The members of the executive branch of the government were the same at the commencement of that first session of the sixteenth Congress, as at the commencement of the second session of the preceding Congress. The Massachusetts senators were Harrison G. Otis of Boston and Prentiss Mellen of Portland. My colleagues in the House of Representatives were Benjamin Adams of Uxbridge, Samuel C. Allen of Northfield, Joshua Cushman of Winslow, Edward Dowse of Dedham, Walter Folger jr., of Nantucket, Timothy Fuller of Cambridge, John Holmes of Alfred, Mark L. Hill of Phippsburg, Martin Kingsley of Hampden, Jonas Kendall of Leominster, Enoch Lincoln of Paris, Samuel Lathrop of West Springfield, Jonathan Mason of Boston, Marcus Morton of Taunton, Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport, James Parker of Gardner, Henry Shaw of Lanesborough, Zabdiel Sampson of Plymouth and Ezekiel Whitman of Portland.

In the course of that session (of 1819-20) several measures of a public character were introduced which caused much discussion throughout the country, as well as in Congress. One of those subjects was a bill introduced in December to authorize the people of Missouri to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, to which bill an amendment was offered the object of which was to provide that neither "Slavery nor involuntary Servitude" should be permitted in that State. That amendment (the object of which was to prevent the extension of slavery to a portion of our territory where it was then hardly known, and which received the aid of my vote) led to a debate which occupied a large portion of the time and a still larger portion of the attention of Congress from the early part of December until about the middle of March, and caused more excitement throughout the Union than any subject which had been under consideration of Congress since the adoption of the Constitution; and will be long remembered and referred to as "the Great Missouri Question." The other subjects which caused excitement, especially to three leading interests of the country, "Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures," were a "Tariff Bill" proposing a large increase of the then existing rates of duty on most of the principal articles of importation, also a "Cash-payment Bill" proposing

the abolishment of all credits for duties on imports, and a bill "laying duties," and very heavy duties, on all sales of merchandise at auction. Numerous memorials and proceedings of town-meetings were forwarded to Congress, relative to those three bills; they were advocated by the manufacturing interest of the country (which did not then exist to any considerable extent, in Massachusetts) but the commercial, and a considerable portion of the agricultural interest, remonstrated very strongly against them. I opposed the passage of those bills, not only by my vote and by a speech in the House of Representatives, but also by private conversations and communication with members out of the House.

I returned to Salem, from that session of Congress, towards the close of the month of May, 1820, found all my family perfectly satisfied with their new residence and in the enjoyment of a full share of happiness. An evidence of their disposition to increase, if possible, the pleasure of that joyous meeting, after the longest absence from my family which had ever occurred since I had had a family of my own, was evinced by their putting into my hands (in an hour or two after being with them, and with such apparent gratification as to make an impression that has not yet been and probably never will be effaced from my memory) the newspaper "Essex Register" of that morning, the twenty-fourth of May, and pointing to a notice therein (quite too strong and flattering) of my public services and of my then looked-for return to my constituents.

In a few days after my return to Salem from that session of Congress I was invited, by a committee appointed for that purpose, to partake of a public dinner which they said my fellow townsmen, *without distinction of party*, had concluded to give me "as a testimony of their respect and to evince their approbation of my public services." The dinner took place early in June and was fully attended by the citizens of this town and its vicinity as well as by some distinguished invited guests (as the newspapers of that time will show) and on which occasion the Hon. Benjamin Pickman presided.

Early in the month of July of that year (1820) I left home with Mrs. Silsbee and our daughter, accompanied by some other friends, for Saratoga Springs, via Worcester, Northampton, Lebanon, etc., and after a short stay of about a fortnight at the Springs, returned home by way of New York city. In steamboats from Albany as far as New London and Norwich in Connecticut (which was as far as the steamboats then ran upon the Sound), and from thence by land-carriage.

On the day after "commencement" in August, 1820, my son underwent the usual examination of candidates, and was admitted a student in the University at Cambridge.

At a convention of delegates from the several towns of this district which was held in September, I was again nominated for reelection to Congress, which nomination I positively declined. Conventions were then called by each of the then existing parties (Republican and Federal) each of which nominated their own candidate and from each of these conventions I had the satisfaction to receive a vote of thanks for my past services, accompanied by their regret that I had declined reelection.

After an attack of sickness which delayed my departure for several days, I left home early in December, 1820, accompanied by Mrs. Silsbee on my fourth and, as I then hoped and believed, on my last tour of public duty at Washington; and after rather a tedious journey in our own carriage, reached there about a fortnight after the commencement of that session of Congress, which was a quiet and harmonious one, compared with that which immediately preceded it, thereby verifying the old proverb that "after a storm comes a calm." A few days after reaching Washington, we took lodgings at Miss Heyer's boarding house on New Jersey avenue, Capitol Hill, in company with a pleasant mess consisting of my friend and messmate of the preceding session, Ezekiel Whitman of Portland, and of John Sargent of Philadelphia, Randall S. Street of New York State, Joseph Dane of Kennebunk, and Mrs. Silsbee and myself. The "District of Maine" had been separated from Massachusetts and admitted as a new State of the Union by an act of the preceding session of Congress. The Massachusetts delegation in the second session of the sixteenth Congress were, in the Senate, Harrison G. Otis and Elijah H. Mills; and in the House of Representatives, Benjamin Adams, Samuel C. Allen, William Eustis (in the place of Edward Dowse, resigned), Walter Folger, jr., Timothy Fuller, Aaron Hobart (in place of Z. Sampson, resigned), Jonas Kendall, Samuel Lathrop, Benjamin Gorham (in the place of Jonathan Mason, resigned), Marcus Morton, Jeremiah Nelson, Henry Shaw and myself. I remained at Washington a day or two after the adjournment on the third of March, to attend the second inauguration to the Presidency, of James Monroe, from whom I had received much personal kindness, and for whom I entertained a high respect and esteem. On leaving the city, as Mrs. Silsbee and myself rode by the "Capitol," in our own carriage, I said to her (while looking at that building), "This is probably my last look at that edifice, within which I have passed some pleasant as well as many toilsome hours," and "Where," said she, "You have made many friends and done yourself much credit." It could not fail to be gratifying to me to know that such was *her* opinion and, whatever doubts I may have had whether anyone else would concur with her in it, the source, the time, and the manner of that remark, made a strong impression on me, so much so

that her very words and the very spot on which they were uttered, are yet as fresh in my recollection as on the day of the occurrence.

The first three years that I was in the House of Representatives, I was a member of the "Naval Committee" of that body, and the last of those years (Mr. Pleasants of Virginia, who had for a number of years presided over that committee having been transferred from the "House to the Senate") I had charge of that committee. On the fourth year of my service in the "House" I did not reach Washington (in consequence of my detention at home, by sickness) until after the committee had been appointed; and as, by a rule of the House of Representatives, no absent member is placed on a committee, I was thereby relieved from all committee duties. I was, however, not only requested, but urged by Mr. Philip P. Barbour of Virginia, who had been placed at the head of the Committee on Naval Affairs, to take his place, assuring me that he had taken it as a *pro tempore* appointment and with an understanding on the part of the other members of the committee as well as by himself, that he was to resign, on my arrival, for the purpose of placing me at the head of the committee; but I declined his overtures.

On my return to Salem in March, 1821, although several trials had successively been made, neither of the two parties (Republican nor Federal) had succeeded in obtaining a majority of votes for either of the candidates who had been nominated as my successor; and I was again solicited, by gentlemen of each party, again to become a candidate, which I could not, consistently either with my own inclinations or with what I conceived to be my duty, consent to. Two or three more trials took place, after my return, before a successor was elected, which was finally accomplished by the success of the Republican ticket, and the election of Gideon Barstow, as my successor.

With the close of that session of Congress which terminated on the third of March, 1821, I took leave, as I thought, of all public cares, and came home with a fixed determination that the residue of my life should be devoted to my business and to my family; but human foresight is not extensive; we cannot safely foretell today, either what or where we may be tomorrow. In less than a single month after my return to Salem, I was, without my consent and without even consulting me on the subject, elected one of the Representatives from this town to the State Legislature; and was made a candidate for the Speaker's Chair of the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, in opposition to Josiah Quincy who was the Federal candidate and the former presiding officer of that body, towards whose reelection, or rather, towards the defeat of my own election, no one of the members could, I think, have contributed more than myself, knowing how extremely inconvenient to my business and hostile to my wishes

it would be to assume duties which would compel my attendance at the State House in Boston, every day and every hour of the session. No efforts of mine were spared to prevent my own election to the chair. Mr. Quincy was elected and I was very glad of it.

It was in the course of that session of the Legislature that the people of Boston petitioned for a city government, and the Act which converted that Town into a City, was reported by a select committee of which I was the chairman, which Act was approved by the different branches of the state government, and accepted by the people of Boston.

At the election of Representatives in the spring of 1822 the Republican ticket for this town failed of success, and I had the personal satisfaction of finding myself once more a free man. But at the spring election of 1823 I was, unexpectedly to everyone else as well as to myself, placed in the other branch of the State Legislature. At that election the Republican ticket of Senators for the County of Essex, was, for the first time for several years, successful, whereby I was elected a member of the Senate and upon the organization of that branch of the government, in the month of May, I was, although one of the junior members of the body, elected its presiding officer, in opposition to the Federal candidate, the late Mr. John Phillips of Boston, who had been successively elected to the presidency of the Senate for the ten preceding years. The gentlemanly deportment of Mr. Phillips towards me on that occasion will ever be remembered, and his kind offer to afford me any and every information touching the duties of the office which had been held so long by him, and then for the first time confided to me, would doubtless have been complied with and have afforded me much aid; but unfortunately for the community and for myself, as well as for his family and friends, he was on the very next morning, most suddenly and unexpectedly called out of life and I received the intelligence of his death while waiting for him to meet me in the Senate Chamber, at the time which had been assigned by him for that purpose, on the preceding day. At the funeral of Mr. Phillips, I was one of the pall-bearers.

In the course of that legislative year, whilst the Senate was in session and while occupying the chair of that body, on the twenty-ninth of January, 1824, I received a message from Salem, announcing to me the birth of a daughter. Although the intelligence of that event was accompanied by the most favorable report relative both to the mother and child, yet I found myself unable to withdraw my thoughts from home and devote them to my duties in the Senate, consequently the chair of that body was, at my request, temporarily filled by another member, and I was very soon with my family where the prospect that every hope and desire touching the event which had called me to them

would be realized was so strong, that I left them the next morning in time to resume my seat in the Senate at the usual hour of its meeting. That was the second time I had been called home from Boston, on such an occasion, viz.. on the twenty-eighth of December, 1804, on the birth of my oldest living child and only son, and again on the twenty-ninth of January, 1824 (more than nineteen years afterwards) on the birth of my second living daughter and youngest of my three surviving children, who on the twenty-third of May following received, in baptism, the name of "Georgiana Crowninshield."

At the spring election, in April, 1824, I was again elected to the Senate and on the organization of that branch of the government, in May following, was reëlected to the presidency of it.

In the summer of 1824 Gen. Gilbert Mortier de Lafayette arrived at New York from France, upon an invitation from the government of the United States, to visit this country; and in the month of September of that year, he made a public visit to this town, from Boston upon an invitation by a committee (of whom I was one) appointed by the citizens of Salem for that purpose and to make suitable arrangements for his reception and accommodation. He dined with the committee and a large number of the citizens of Salem and its vicinity, at the "Lafayette Coffee House" and attended a ball in the evening.

In the autumn of 1824 I was chosen one of the Electors, for this state, of President and Vice-President of the United States.

On the meeting and organization of the "Electoral College" at the Senate Chamber in Boston, about the last of November or first of December, William Gray of Boston was chosen to preside over the body, and John Endicott of Dedham was chosen its secretary. The proceedings of the meeting were with "closed doors," and the votes of each and every Elector were given for John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts for President and for John C. Calhoun of South Carolina for Vice-President of the United States. And those gentlemen were placed (Mr. Adams by the House of Representatives of the United States and Mr. Calhoun by the Electors of the States) in those offices. The opposing candidate for the Presidency was General Andrew Jackson of Tennessee; there was no opposing candidate for the Vice-President, who received many votes. Mr. Adams was, in my judgment, eminently qualified to discharge the duties of that office; but while I considered General Jackson perhaps equally eminent (in his capacity as a military officer) what little I had seen of him while he was at Washington during the discussion in Congress relative to his proceedings in the Seminole war, in addition to what I had heard of him and especially of his impetuosity of temper, induced me to believe certainly that he was not well qualified for the discharge of the high duties of a chief magistrate of this nation, but that in his in-

tercourse with foreign governments the peace of our own country might be endangered by his strong and uncontrollable passion.

My son graduated at Cambridge that year (1824) and had a "part" in the public performances assigned to a portion of the graduates; and he thereafter entered the law office of Mr. David Cummins of this place as a student, though rather with a view of gaining some knowledge of commercial law than with any expectation of pursuing that profession.

Although I had been led to the expectation that, in accordance with my well-known wishes, my name would have been withheld from the senatorial ticket of candidates, I was, nevertheless, again nominated in the spring of 1825, again chosen a member, and again reëlected to the chair of that branch of the State Government for the then ensuing year; in the course of which besides its legislative duties, those of a judicial character were devolved upon us by the trial of an impeachment against the late Samuel Blagge then a notary public in Boston.

Having been admonished by past occurrences that my wishes to retire from public life might not be duly regarded by my political friends, I made use of the opportunity which was afforded in acknowledgment of a vote of thanks presented to me by the Senate at the close of the session, in March, 1826, to give notice that my connection with that body would terminate with that session of it, and that I declined being a candidate for any office at the ensuing elections; and thus terminated my services in the State Legislature, and as I then believed, in all other public situations, but we see but a short distance into futurity.

Shortly after the adjournment of the State Legislature in the month of March, I left home, accompanied by my son, on an excursion (partly for purposes of business, but mainly for recreation) to Newport, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, at the latter of which places we passed a fortnight very pleasantly, even much more so than I had anticipated, for in addition to the gratification afforded by the hospitality of the President, some of the heads of departments, and others, I realized the further and higher satisfaction, also, of finding more friends and more friendship amongst my old acquaintances in Congress, than I had previously been aware of the existence of. We returned home, after an absence of five or six weeks, towards the last of April.

On leaving Washington at that time, I had not the most remote idea that I should see it again for some years, if ever; and nothing could have been more unexpected than that I should be there again and in a public capacity, before the close of that year; but in less than three months, after having a second time taken leave of public life, on com-

ing to Salem from Andover (where my family had for several years passed a few weeks of every spring, and where I had then been staying with them) in the month of June, I was informed that Mr. James Lloyd, one of the Massachusetts members of the United States Senate, had resigned his seat in that body and that I had been elected his successor, by the Legislature. Even the high honour of a seat in the Senate of the United States was insufficient to reconcile me to that new call to public duties, and especially to such duties as would take me from my own business concerns, and from my home a considerable portion of the time of the unexpired three years of Mr. Lloyd's term of service. I was however prevailed on to accept the commission, which, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, in December, 1826 (being the second session of the nineteenth Congress) I presented to the Senate and took my seat in that body. It was the second year of the administration of John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, Vice-President; Henry Clay, Secretary of State; Richard Rush, Secretary of the Treasury; James Barbour, Secretary of War; Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy; and William Wirt, Attorney General. The Massachusetts delegation were, Elijah H. Mills of Northampton, and myself, in the Senate; and in the House of Representatives, Samuel C. Allen of Greenfield, John Bailey of Milton, Francis Bailier of Taunton, B. W. Crowninshield of Salem, John Davis of Worcester, Henry W. Dwight of Stockbridge, Edward Everett of Cambridge, Aaron Hobart of East Bridgewater, Samuel Lathrop of West Springfield, John Locke of Ashby, John Reed of Yarmouth, John Varnum of Haverhill, and Daniel Webster of Boston. My family did not accompany me to Washington that session. I took lodgings at Mrs. Clark's boarding house, on F Street, in a "mess" comprising General William H. Harrison and myself, of the Senate, and six members of the House of Representatives, viz., B. W. Crowninshield of Massachusetts, A. H. Powell of Virginia, John Barry of Maryland, Andrew Stewart of Pennsylvania, Joseph W. White of Florida, H. W. Conway of Arkansas Territory. That session of Congress was a short and quiet one, from which I returned to Salem before the middle of March. The most important debate of that session was upon a bill to regulate the trade with the British West Indies and North American Colonies, in which debate I took part.

In the month of May of that year (1827) my son embarked at Boston, for Holland, with a consignment to his care of part of a cargo of merchandise shipped by me on board the same vessel, as the commencement of his engagement in commercial pursuits. After disposing of the business thus confided to him, and after having visited different parts of Holland, France and England, he returned in one of the New York packet ships, from Liverpool, and reached home a short time

before I left it for Washington, in November, since which time he has participated in my commercial business and concerns.

Shortly after my son sailed for Europe, I left home with Mrs. Silsbee and our daughter Mary, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Crowninshield and a part of their family on a tour to the Falls of Niagara, passing through and making short stops at Worcester and Northampton in this state; and at Lebanon, Albany, Utica, Trenton Falls, Syracuse, Auburn, Seneca Falls, Geneva, Canandaigua, Rochester, Lockport and Buffalo, in the State of New York; from which latter place we crossed the Lake, and landed on the Canada shore at Waterloo, near the site of Fort Erie and from thence by "Lundy's Lane" (where we stopped and visited the battle ground) to Niagara Falls; thence after passing a few days at the Falls and having visited Queenstown, we crossed the Niagara River and landed on the American shore, at Lewiston, from whence we passed through Cambrey, Ridgeway, Gaines, and other places to Rochester and thence by way of Palmyra, Elbridge, Syracuse, Utica, and Schenectady to Saratoga Springs. Here we passed about a fortnight and then after again visiting Albany, we took passage in one of the steamboats and returned home by way of West Point and the city of New York, at each of which places we made a short stop, and in the course of our stay at the latter place we received by one of the European packets which arrived while we were there a letter from our son, announcing his safe arrival in Holland, in good health; and I yet distinctly recollect the gratification which the receipt and perusal of that letter afforded.

Towards the latter part of November, 1827, I left home for Washington, accompanied by Mrs. Silsbee and our two daughters, and, on reaching there, we took lodgings at Mrs. Clarke's boarding house (my place of residence during the preceding session) and united in a "mess" comprising, besides my own family, Mr. B. W. Crowninshield and his family, also Edward Everett of Massachusetts, John Barney of Maryland, Daniel B. Barnard of New York, members of the House of Representatives; and William H. Harrison, member of the Senate from Ohio, also John D. Dickinson, of the House of Representatives from New York, and Mrs. Dickinson. The term of service of my late colleague, in the Senate, Elijah H. Mills, having expired with the termination of the last session of Congress, on the third of March, Daniel Webster of Boston had been elected as the successor of Mr. Mills, and he (Mr. Webster) was my colleague during the remaining eight years of my services in that branch of the government. The Massachusetts delegation in the House of Representatives for that session (which was the first session of the twentieth Congress), were Samuel C. Allen of Greenfield, John Bailey of Milton, Isaac C. Bates of Northampton, B. W. Crowninshield of Salem, John Davis of Wor-

chester, Henry W. Dwight of Stockbridge, Edward Everett of Cambridge, Benjamin Gorham of Boston, James L. Hodges of Taunton, John Locke of Ashby, John Reed of Yarmouth, Joseph Richardson of Hingham, and John Varnum of Haverhill.

In the course of that session of Congress a tariff bill (well known since as the "Tariff of 1828") was introduced and passed, whereby the duties on most articles of importation were so much increased as to cause much discussion in Congress and much excitement in every part of the country. Some of the provisions of that bill were advocated and strongly urged by the manufacturing interests, and those as well as some others of its provisions were as strongly opposed and resisted by the agricultural and commercial interests of the country. A large majority of the votes of the Middle and Eastern, as well as those of the Western states in both branches of Congress, were given in favor of the bill, which was opposed by all the Southern and a portion of the Western states. Every member of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts, without a single exception, voted for the bill (after it had been amended in the Senate and returned to the "House") and in the Senate, not only my colleague (Mr. Webster) but every New England member of that body, of the political party to which I belonged, excepting one of the Rhode Island senators and myself, voted also for it. Several of the Massachusetts delegates voted against the bill in the form in which it first passed the House of Representatives (where it originated) but when it was returned to the House with the Senate's amendments to it, it met the approbation and support of each and every individual of the delegation from this State. Although the manufacturing interest had greatly increased in several states of the Union, and had become a very essential and important interest to a portion of the people of Massachusetts, since the time of my taking part in the discussion, in the House of Representatives upon the Tariff Bill of 1820; the protection afforded to that interest had also been greatly increased since that period by the provision of the Tariff Act of 1824 and, as I thought, sufficiently so, yet I was not disposed to withhold even further protection to such of our domestic establishments as were supposed to need it; but the bill under consideration at that time (taken together) contained such provisions as imposed heavier contributions upon the agricultural and commercial interests, for the benefit of the manufacturing interest than, in my judgment, were either just or proper. At the time of the discussion upon that bill, a presidential election was pending, between Mr. Adams and General Jackson, upon which election it was believed that the fate of the bill would have an important bearing, and the friends of Mr. Adams (of whom I was one and a most ardent and sincere one) almost to a man, voted for the bill.

Thus situated, I was placed in the unpleasant and trying predicament of either yielding my own judgment, and my own convictions, to what seemed to be the opinion not only of every other representative of Massachusetts in both branches of Congress, but also of a number of my most particular friends at home who had written to me on the subject, or of satisfying myself by an adherence to that judgment and to those convictions, although I might and probably should, thereby, cause much regret, if not dissatisfaction to a large portion of my personal as well as political friends.

I could not and did not hesitate to pursue the latter course. I felt constrained by a sense of duty to myself, as well as by what I conceived to be the combined interests of all my constituents, to act according to the dictates of my own judgment, rather than that of others, according to principles rather than to policy; and with those impressions I rendered a vote (the only one from Massachusetts) against the passage of the bill; and also against my own individual interest, being then, as now, a stockholder in several of the manufacturing establishments that were to be benefited by the provisions of the bill.

I have never regretted (although I most sensibly felt the responsibility of the act) having given such a vote upon that bill which, as I then apprehended and then predicted, had placed the duties on many articles of importation so unreasonably high as could not fail to create, ere long, such a reaction as would be injurious to the manufacturing interests by a reduction of the duties below where they were before the passage of that bill. And those apprehensions and those predictions have been more than realized by the passage of the subsequent Tariff Acts of 1832 and 1833, which may be attributed mainly, if not entirely, to the "Nullification" proceedings of the state of South Carolina and the opposition of other Southern States caused by the passage of the Tariff Act of 1828.

There was a case in the "Executive" proceedings of the Senate, of that session (1827-28) in relation to which my feelings became somewhat excited by the discussion and disclosures (of a party character) to which it led. Mr. Moses Myers, of Norfolk, Virginia, formerly one of the most distinguished and wealthy merchants of that place, and at the same time one of its most respected citizens, having been unfortunate in his commercial pursuits, was appointed by President Monroe to the office of Collector of the Customs for that district, and on the termination of his first four years of service, was renominated to the same office by Mr. Adams, which renomination was opposed because, as was alleged, Mr. Myers was a debtor and defaulter to the government. Having known Mr. Myers and having had some business transactions with him when at Norfolk on my first voyage as master of a vessel, in the year 1792 (since which I had not seen him

and never expected to see him again), and having been informed that, although he had lost all his property, he had preserved untarnished all his *reputation*, and feeling that under such circumstances he had strong claims to the office which he then held, I was induced to seek information at the Treasury Department relative to the defalcation which had been imputed to him, and finding that, although there was an apparent balance against him, of several hundred dollars, growing out of a bond given by him for duties before his appointment to the collectorship, that the government was, at the same time, in possession of property amply sufficient to secure the debt, which property had been assigned and delivered to the government by Mr. Myers for that purpose, but which, by neglect of the government, had not been converted into money and placed to his credit, and finding also, that the testimonials in behalf of Mr. Myers, which were laid before the committee of which I was a member, were of the most satisfactory character and that the real objection to him was of a *political* rather than of a *pecuniary* character, I used every effort in my power to sustain the nomination, and in course of those efforts, I proclaimed to the Senate my willingness to take the property assigned to the government and to pay forthwith into the Treasury the amount of the alleged defalcation rather than see the nominee dispossessed of his office.

Although I was not required to execute my proposal it was supposed (by some members at least) to have had an effect; but, however that may have been, the nomination, which had been some time pending, was soon after confirmed, and I had the satisfaction to feel that I had, probably, rendered some service to a respected individual who had become known to me in one of the earliest commercial transactions of my life. And it was not long before I had the further satisfaction to learn that the whole amount of Mr. Myers' debt had been realized by the government.

In the spring my son joined us at Washington, remained there until the close of the session, on the twenty-sixth of May, and then accompanied us home. It had been the invariable practice, in this state, to elect the senators in Congress at the spring session (there were then the two sessions annually) of the Legislature of the year preceding the commencement of such senator's duties. My services were to terminate on the third day of March, 1829. I returned to Salem early in June, 1828, while the State Legislature was in session and was informed by several members who called on me for that purpose, that they wished to fix on an early day for filling the vacancy which would occur in the Senate of the United States, on the termination of my term of service, and that they also wished to have my consent to be a candidate.

I said to each and all of those gentlemen that I thought it was their

duty to proceed to the choice of some one to fill the vacancy which was to occur on the fourth of March without delay, but that no earthly consideration would induce me to consent to be a candidate for that vacancy, and that, if nominated to it, I should request some member of the Legislature publicly to announce my fixed determination to decline the office in the event of my being reelected to it. I heard nothing further on the subject until a few days after the interview just alluded to when I was informed that (contrary to all former practice in this State) the election had been postponed to the next session of the Legislature.

In the early part of August in that year (1828) Mrs. Silsbee, our two oldest children and myself, accompanied by my brother William Silsbee and a part of his family, commenced a journey, by way of Portland, to the White Mountains, and from thence, after passing two or three days in the vicinity of the Mountains, to Connecticut River, and stopping in the vicinity of the river, at Newbury, Oxford, Hanover, Enfield, Windsor, Weathersfield and Walpole. Thence, on our way home, we passed part of a day (with my old congressional friend, Salma Hale and his family) at Keene, in New Hampshire; and made short stops at Concord and at Groton in this State.

Towards the close of November, 1828, I left my family and my home, as I believed and as all my connections expected, on my last term of public duty at Washington; and on reaching that city, took lodgings at Mrs. Blake's boarding house on Pennsylvania Avenue, in company with Gen. Ezekiel F. Chambers, one of the senators from Maryland, John Sargent of Philadelphia, B. W. Crowninshield of Salem, Isaac C. Bates of Northampton, and Thomas H. Blake of Indiana, members of the House of Representatives, and also Richard Peters of Philadelphia, reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, constituting a very agreeable and pleasant "mess." The Massachusetts delegation for that session (which was the second session of the twentieth Congress) was the same in both branches of Congress, as at the preceding session.

On the meeting of the State Legislature in January, 1829, I received a letter from a number of its members soliciting my consent to be a candidate for reelection to the seat which I then occupied in the United States Senate, which I again as positively declined as I had done when previously solicited; but, on the receipt of subsequent letters apprising me of the difficulties which my friends would have to encounter in the selection of a new candidate and of the divisions and dissensions which such a selection would create, and assuring me that all such difficulties would be obviated by my consent to their request, I was, by these requests and at the solicitations of friends at Washington induced, though very reluctantly, to yield my consent on the condi-

tion, and only on the condition, that they could not unite on some other individual. I was then nominated and elected for a term of six years, but I did not then think it probable or even possible that I could be prevailed on to pass six more sessions of Congress at Washington, and thereby subject myself to an absence from home averaging nearly six months annually. Such a sacrifice of interest and of comfort was to me too appalling to think of, yet that sacrifice was endured.

After I had consented to be a candidate for reelection to the seat which I then occupied in the Senate, but before the nomination had been acted upon by the Legislature of Massachusetts, I was called upon one afternoon by Mr. John Bailey (one of the Massachusetts delegation in the House of Representatives and who had formerly served under Mr. Adams in the Department of State) and requested to afford him a confidential interview, which was immediately granted. Mr. Bailey said he had been induced by the information which he had obtained directly from myself as well as from others, of my wish to retire from public life, to communicate to me his belief that Mr. Adams (whose presidential term of service was to expire on the ensuing third of March) might be prevailed upon by me to consent to be a candidate for the seat which I then occupied, on its becoming vacant after the third of March. In the course of a free and full exposition to Mr. Bailey of my views and feelings upon the subject of his communication, I assured him (and most sincerely too) that it would afford me much gratification to be instrumental in placing Mr. Adams in the seat then occupied by me in the Senate, either immediately after the then ensuing third of March or, if I should be reelected, by a resignation of the seat at any time thereafter while occupied by me, and that I would see and confer with Mr. Adams on the subject forthwith, and I did accordingly call on him in the course of an hour or two after Mr. Bailey left me. I informed Mr. Adams of the interview which had just taken place between Mr. Bailey and myself and of the substance of what had been said by both of us. I assured Mr. Adams that I had no wish to retain my seat in the Senate but, on the contrary, an ardent desire to retire from it; that it would afford me not only much mental relief to see him a candidate for the Senate, instead of myself, but also much personal gratification to contribute in any way that I could towards placing him in that situation. I assured him at the same time that although I could not doubt but that if he would consent to be a candidate he would receive the support of a large majority of the then Legislature of Massachusetts, yet if he was willing or would consent to it, I would endeavor to ascertain that fact, for his consideration. Mr. Adams after having heard my remarks and after an avowal of his feelings caused by this evidence (as he was pleased to consider it) of personal and political friendship towards him, as-

sured me that if he was confident of obtaining the votes not only of every member of the Legislature but of every citizen of Massachusetts, he would not consent to be a candidate for the seat which I then occupied; that he could never think of placing himself in such a position as to subject himself to the suspicion of having been instrumental in removing from office or preventing the reelection of a political and personal friend; that no earthly consideration would induce him to do so. And although I assured him that I would prevent any such impression being made in that case, by a public avowal not only of my wishes to retire from the Senate but also of my efforts to prevail on him to consent to go there, I could not impair his apparently fixed determination not to allow himself to be a candidate for the Senate at that time. Finding him inflexible on that point, I then further assured him that, in the event of my reelection to the Senate, I would not only most willingly resign my seat there at any time, within the six years for which I might be chosen, that he would suggest to me, either directly or through some friend, his willingness to be a candidate for the vacancy, and that it would at any and at all times, be gratifying to my feelings to do so. I never received from Mr. Adams, either directly or indirectly, any indications of a wish or willingness on his part, to take my place in the Senate during the ensuing six years that I occupied it. But towards the expiration of that time of service he was one of several candidates for the seat about to become vacant, and (to my certain knowledge) he even then declined being named or considered a candidate until after I had proclaimed, not only to him personally but also in the public newspapers, my determination not to be a candidate for it myself.

Soon after the commencement of that session of Congress, in a conversation with some of the leading friends of General Jackson, in the Senate Chamber, relative to his election to the Presidency (which had just then taken place), one of those friends, Mr. E. W. Tazewell, a Senator from Virginia (who knew some of my opinions of General Jackson and some of the fears which I entertained that the peace of the country might be endangered under his administration), took me aside and had a long conversation with me on the subject, with a view, as I understood him, to relieve some of my apprehensions, and to remove some of my impressions as to the political course of General Jackson's administration. Mr. Tazewell, who was then considered one of his most prominent and able supporters, assured me that General Jackson would select his Cabinet, or heads of departments, from the ablest men of the nation (who were not hostile to him) regardless of their political opinions, and that we would have, under the then ensuing administration, the ablest Cabinet which we had ever had since the adoption of our present form of government, a Cabinet

that would discard and discountenance all party men and party measures. The information then afforded by Mr. Tazewell (who assured me that, in his opinion, I should within a year become perfectly reconciled to the new administration) did go far to relieve some of my fearful apprehensions, not doubting either then or now, Mr. Tazewell's confident belief that such would be the course of conduct of the new administration, of which it was then very generally supposed that he (Mr. Tazewell) would be one of the most prominent advisers. Other leading members of the same political party gave me, at about the same time, assurances of a similar character with those of Mr. Tazewell. But it was not long after General Jackson came into power before it was perceived that the confidence which seemed to have been reposed in him, by those gentlemen as well as by many others, was somewhat impaired and subsequently their friendship for him was converted into the most deadly hatred.

General Jackson arrived at Washington early in February preparatory to his inauguration on the 4th of March, 1829. I had not seen General Jackson since he was in Washington at the time of the discussion in the House of Representatives (while I was a member of it) relative to the Seminole War and of his proceedings as the Military Conductor of that war, and even then, though I occasionally met him in company, I did not (having opposed some of his proceedings in that war) become much acquainted with him.

Thus circumstanced, soon after he reached Washington as President elect of the United States, one of his strong personal and political friends (Mr. Branch then a Senator from North Carolina and subsequently, a member of the Cabinet) not only offered but requested that he might introduce me to General Jackson, to which I assented, and on the morning of the first or second day of March (having felt no particular desire to hasten the event) I was conducted by Mr. Branch (between whom and myself, though politically opposed and strongly opposed to each other, there had existed from our first acquaintance in the Senate, a pleasant intercourse and I believe, a sincere personal friendship) to the rooms of General Jackson at Gadsby's Hotel, where we found him in company with only two other friends (Mr. Berrien and Mr. Eaton) who were subsequently members of his Cabinet, and in whose presence I was introduced to the President elect by Mr. Branch as his personal friend. After a short conversation with the General, the hour arrived at which he received company, (ten o'clock) and no sooner were the doors open for their admission than the large room in which we were was so thoroughly filled with apparently all kinds of male company, that it was with some difficulty that Mr. Branch and myself could get out of the room, which we did as soon as possible. On our way from thence to the Senate Chamber,

on my expressing my surprise and regret that the President elect should commence his public duties with such a prelude to them as that which we had just witnessed, Mr. Branch assured me that both himself and other friends had endeavoured to prevent it, and that he had told the General, more than once, that he ought to "crush all those insects from him."

Simultaneously with the termination of my first term of service in the Senate on the third of March, 1829, Mr. Adams' administration terminated, when he retired from the "White House" and all the heads of departments from their respective offices. On the following day, March 4, the new Senate which had been called by a summons of the late President, as usual on such occasions, met and was organized by administering the oaths of office to John C. Calhoun as Vice President of the United States and to myself and the other newly elected members of the Senate, subsequently to which General Jackson was inaugurated in the Senate Chamber as President of the United States, and then proceeded to the portico of the eastern part of the Capitol and there delivered his Inaugural Address, to such members of Congress as were present (of whom I was one) and a large concourse of citizens. On that day (fourth of March) the presidential mansion, the "White House," where the new President, then for the first time, received company, was so thoroughly filled with both sexes, of all ages and apparently of all sorts and kinds, as to present such a scene of disorder and confusion as was never before witnessed in that building.

The Senate was kept in session until the seventeenth day of March acting on such nominations to office as were made to it by the new President, amongst which were those of an entire new Cabinet, besides such others as evinced the existence of strong political predilections and a disposition to cause them to be extensively felt. General Jackson's selection of individuals to compose his first Cabinet was as follows:—viz., Martin Van Buren of New York, as Secretary of State; Samuel D. Ingham of Pennsylvania, for Secretary of the Treasury; John H. Eaton of Tennessee, for Secretary of War; John Branch of North Carolina, for Secretary of the Navy, and John McPherson Berrien of Georgia for Attorney General; between all of whom and myself, though political opponents, there was a personal intercourse, and with some of them, especially with Messrs. Branch and Berrien I was on terms of somewhat more than common intimacy and friendship.

It was apprehended, from some of the early movements of the new administration that, notwithstanding what had been said to the contrary, a system of removal from office, of political opponents, had been agreed on, nor was it long before those apprehensions were

realized by numerous office holders. A few days previous to the inauguration of General Jackson an application to him passed through my hands, which was signed by nearly all the commercial community of Boston and its vicinity, requesting that General Henry A. Dearborn, then Collector of the District of Boston and Charlestown, might be retained in office, and having heard that some charges of a political character had been made against that individual which were known to others as well as myself to be untrue, I had an interview with General Jackson on the subject, accompanied by Mr. B.W. Crowninshield and in the course of that interview the new President assured us that no man would be removed from office by him for or on account of his political opinions, whatever those opinions might be; that he placed so high a value on the free exercise of opinion that he never should and never would be instrumental in disturbing or in any wise impairing the free use of it by others, and concluded his remarks upon that subject by authorizing us to assure General Dearborn and his friends that neither he nor any one else would be disturbed in their office upon any charges which might be made against them, until those charges had been laid before them and they had been afforded every facility to refute them which they might require. Yet, notwithstanding those assurances of General Jackson, General Dearborn was removed from his office in less than a month after those assurances had been voluntarily given, without a moment's previous notice that such a removal was contemplated and without assigning any reason for making it.

In the course of the time that the Senate was kept in session upon executive business and after the nomination of the members of the Cabinet had been made and confirmed, I asked Mr. Tazewell if the individuals who had been nominated by the President to the several executive departments of the government were the same that he had referred to in his conversation with me in December preceding — whether the Cabinet which had been just formed was the “able Cabinet” which he then spoke of? He (Mr. T.) promptly assured me that although he thought the President would get along very well with the Cabinet which he had selected provided we remained at peace with other Powers, yet that, in his former remarks to me on the subject of the Cabinet, he had not had reference to either of the individuals who had recently been selected to compose it. It was apparent to me before the adjournment of the Senate on the seventeenth of March, that dissatisfaction was felt by some of the leading political friends of the administration; and that they had been either disappointed or deceived in, at least, a part of the political course of the head of that administration, which subsequent events showed to be the case.

I returned to Salem, from that term of duty at Washington, the latter part of the month of March, 1829; but instead of meeting my

family and friends in the capacity of a free man relieved from public cares and thereby enabled to devote my whole time to them, and to my commercial pursuits, as was contemplated when I left home the preceding autumn, I met them in the less satisfying capacity of a continued public servant, destined very shortly to return to the resumption of unwelcome labours at Washington.

On the ninth day of November of that year, 1829, an event took place in my family which can never fail to be deeply interesting to parents. It was the marriage of my son (quite acceptably to his parents) to Miss Maryanne C. Devereux, the daughter of Mr. Humphrey Devereux of this place, and immediately after the marriage ceremony they left Salem in my carriage, to be overtaken by my own family, with whom they were to pass the winter at Washington; for which place I left home accompanied by Mrs. Silsbee and our two daughters, on the fifteenth of November, soon overtook those who had preceded us, and reached the seat of government about the end of that month, and took all the rooms of Mrs. Clement's boarding house, in Pennsylvania Avenue, and near the Treasury Department, for the accommodation of my family during the session, to the exclusion of any other boarders.

The members of the executive branch of the government at that first session of the twenty-first Congress were Andrew Jackson, President, and John C. Calhoun, Vice-President of the United States; Martin Van Buren of New York, Secretary of State; Samuel D. Ingham of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Treasury; John H. Eaton of Tennessee, Secretary of War; John Branch of North Carolina, Secretary of the Navy; and John McPherson Berrien of Georgia, Attorney General. The Massachusetts delegation to that Congress were Daniel Webster of Boston and myself, in the Senate; and in the House of Representatives, John Bailey of Wilton, Isaac C. Bates of Northampton, Benjamin W. Crowninshield of Salem, John Davis of Worcester, Henry W. Dwight of Stockbridge, Edward Everett of Charlestown, George Grinnell, Jr., of Greenfield, Benjamin Gorham of Barton, James L. Hodges of Taunton, Joseph G. Kendall of Leominster, John Reed of Yarmouth, Joseph Richardson of Hingham, and John Varnum of Haverhill.

In the early part of that session of Congress, I introduced into the Senate, accompanied by some preliminary remarks, a bill for the payment of such portion of the claim of the State of Massachusetts (then embracing the present State of Maine) for military services rendered during the late war with England, as had been found on examination to be due, according to the principles which had been adopted in the settlement of similar claims of other States.

The "Massachusetts Claim" had been then pending and I believe

annually acted upon in the House of Representatives since the year 1817, without a single favourable decision of that body having been obtained upon it, and there being no hope of success in that branch of the Legislature, it was decided to bring the claim before the Senate and I was designated by the delegations from the two States (Massachusetts and Maine) to present and to manage the case in that body, which I did, and succeeded in carrying through the Senate a bill granting to the state of Massachusetts the sum of four hundred and thirty thousand, seven hundred and forty eight dollars and twenty-six cents (430,748.26 dollars) being the amount found to be due upon the principles by which similar claims had been adjusted with other States of the Union; but in the House of Representatives (notwithstanding the united efforts of all the Massachusetts and Maine delegations to pass it through that body in the same form that it went from the Senate) the bill was so amended as to cause it to be referred to the third auditor of the Treasury for his examination, and if he found that amount to be due, according to the principles upon which similar claims of other States had been adjusted, then, but not till then, it was to be paid. He (the third auditor) did find the sum named in the bill to be due, according to those principles, and the said sum of 430, 748.26 dollars was accordingly paid into the Treasury of Massachusetts. The great unpopularity of the "Massachusetts Claim" was caused by the unpopular course which was pursued by the state government of Massachusetts at the commencement of the war between this country and Great Britain in the year 1812, at which time Massachusetts was governed by the Federal party, who were strongly opposed to the war, and who refused to comply with a requisition of the President of the United States (which had been acceded to by the governments of the other States) to place the militia of the State, or such portion of it as might be called into service, under the orders or control of United States officers, and that course of policy was pursued by the authorities of Massachusetts until sometime in the year 1814, when the apprehended invasion of its own territory, which then existed, or some other cause induced Governor Brooks (then chief magistrate of the Commonwealth) silently to recede from his opposition to the requisitions of the general government, and to allow the militia of this State to act under the orders of United States officers, as was done elsewhere in the country. Such an opposition to what was elsewhere considered a constitutional requisition of the general government at the commencement of a war with the most powerful maritime nation of the world, created a strong prejudice, in almost every section of the country, against the authors of that opposition, and that prejudice seemed to be revived in Congress whenever the "Massachusetts Claim" was brought under consideration, and so

strong was that prejudice, even up to the time of my bringing the case before the Senate, that every member of the committee to which it was referred told me that they could not but consider it a waste of time to examine the immense mass of testimonials in the case, as they could never be brought to a favourable opinion of it. They did, however, examine them, and in my presence and with the aid (furnished at their request) of the notes which I had made in the course of my examination of those testimonials (of which there was a large trunk full), that examination led every member of the committee to the conclusion that the sum named in the bill which I had caused to be referred to them, was justly due to Massachusetts. Accordingly, the chairman of the committee (Mr. Benton of Missouri) reported my bill "without amendment," and in his remarks upon the bill, when it was acted upon in the Senate, he said (as may be seen in Gales and Seaton's Register of Debates, Vol. 5, Part 1, twentieth of April, 1830), "Prejudices have prevailed against these claims. I have felt those prejudices. I have seen the time when I never expected to vote for their payment."

The examination of the voluminous documents which were presented in support of that claim, and the preparation to sustain and carry it through the Senate, against the very strong prejudice which was known to exist against it, in that as well as in the other branch of the Legislature, occupied much of my time and attention during the early part of the session.

That session terminated on the thirty-first of May, and on our way home from Washington, in June, 1830, an accident occurred which caused me greater mental suffering, for a short time, than I had ever before experienced. On arriving at Providence in the steamboat from New York at about ten o'clock in the forenoon, I engaged an extra stage to take my family to Boston, leaving my own horses and carriage to get on more leisurely. Mrs. Silsbee and my two daughters were in the stage and the most of our baggage in its place, when the horses of the stage started, without any driver to guide or control them, and were almost instantly upon a full run and continued so, notwithstanding many efforts were made by people in the streets to stop them, until they had proceeded more than a mile from the wharf from which they started, when the collection of people became so great as to turn the horses towards a blacksmith's shop which stood at the corner of a street. and such was their velocity at that moment and such the force with which they went against the shop as to break down a considerable part of the side of the shop, to kill the leading horses and not only to upset the stage but to break it almost entirely to pieces, so much so as to render it unworthy of repair, although it was so new a carriage as to have been in use but a very few days. Before the

stage got off the wharf from which it started, I stepped into a light wagon which happened to be at hand, and went in pursuit as fast as I could make two horses carry me, and was about a quarter of a mile from the stage and in full view of it, when it upset. I approached the site of the accident, and the large concourse of people which the occurrence had drawn there, with feelings which cannot be duly imagined (except by one who has been similarly situated) and which I am incompetent to describe. I felt but very little, if any, hope of finding all my family alive, and considered it hardly possible that either of them could have escaped severe injury; but the first person whom I saw, on approaching the wrecked carriage, whom I knew, was my daughter Mary forcing her way through the crowd to meet me and who, as soon as she saw me, proclaimed the happy tidings that all of them had escaped injury. I shall never forget that moment, nor shall I ever forget the hospitality and kindness of Mr. Arnold of Providence, whom I had never before seen, and who took my family to his house, where they received the most friendly attentions from himself and family, for an hour or two, until another stage was procured to take us to Boston from whence we reached home on the same day.

I left home again on the twenty-sixth of November and passed the short session of 1830-31 at Washington, unaccompanied by any of my family. I took lodgings at Mrs. Walker's boarding house, in E street, in company with (Judge) Ambrose Spencer of New York, Thomas H. Crawford, ——— Denny of Pennsylvania and Richard Spencer of Maryland, all members of the House of Representatives and pleasant associates. The individuals who composed the executive branch of the government were the same as at the commencement of the preceding session; and the Massachusetts delegation the same in both branches of the Legislature at the commencement of that second session of the twenty-first Congress as at the first session of that Congress. For a considerable portion of the time of that session, the Senate was occupied in its judicial capacity by the trial of James H. Peck, a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Missouri, on an impeachment for "High Misdemeanors in Office" founded upon charges brought against him by Luke Edward Lawless of Missouri, of all which charges the said Judge Peck was acquitted by the vote of a majority of the Senate.

While at the city of New York on my way home from that session of Congress in March, 1831, I received an invitation from Mr. Monroe, late President of the United States (who was then in ill health and residing with his son-in-law, Mr. Gouverneur Morris, in that city) to call and see him. I accepted the invitation and passed a very pleasant evening with the venerable, and in my opinion, most deservedly esteemed Ex-President, towards whom I entertained great and sincere

regard and from whom I had received many civilities and attentions. Mr. Monroe's health was then feeble, but his spirits were good, his mind having been much relieved (of which he seemed to take great pleasure in assuring me) by the then recent passage by Congress of an act for his relief. In consequence of the loss of some vouchers, Mr. Monroe's accounts with the government during some of his foreign missions, had not been finally settled, and a balance which he claimed upon those accounts, of about thirty thousand dollars, remained unadjusted and unpaid.

During his own administration of the government, he declined pressing that claim, but subsequently it was presented and the bill, to which I have alluded, had been passed but a few days when I saw him. He spoke of it with very great satisfaction and expressed in very strong terms his thanks to those (of whom he said he knew me to be one) who had aided the payment of his claim. An event which, he said, would render the residue of his life much more quiet and composed than it would otherwise have been; for although it would not (as he declared) bring a single dollar into his pocket, it would enable him to pay off his debts and thereby relieve his mind from a pressure which had long afflicted it. The Ex-President asked me to take a family dinner with him on the ensuing day, but, as I was to leave New York by the steamboat of that day, I was obliged to decline his invitation, which I should otherwise have most willingly accepted, if for no other purpose than that of passing a little more time with him. Mr. Monroe was called out of life on the fourth of July at New York, in less than four months after I saw him there.

For the session of 1831-32, being the first session of the twenty-second Congress, I left home on the twentieth of November accompanied by Mrs. Silsbee and our daughter Mary, besides a coachman and a female attendant (invariable appendages to my family, when they accompanied me to Washington) and on reaching Washington took a suite of rooms for our own private use, at Gadsby's Hotel, which we occupied during the session, commencing on the fifth of December, 1831 and continuing until the sixteenth of July, 1832 — the longest session of Congress which had ever been held under the present Constitution of the United States. Every individual of President Jackson's first Cabinet having simultaneously resigned and withdrawn from their respective offices, subsequently to the second session of the twenty-first Congress (Mr. Ingham and Mr. Branch, of the Treasury and Navy Departments and Mr. Berrien, Attorney General, having retired in disgust, and Mr. Van Buren and Mr. Eaton of the State and War Departments, at the friendly suggestion, as was understood, of the President) the new Cabinet which had been appointed in the recess, and who were in office at the commencement of the first session

of the twenty-second Congress were — Edward Livingston of New York, Secretary of State; Louis McLane of Delaware, Secretary of the Treasury; Lewis Cass of Michigan, Secretary of War; Levi Woodbury of New Hampshire, Secretary of the Navy; Roger B. Taney of Maryland, Attorney General and William T. Barry of Kentucky, Post Master General (the members of the Cabinet having then been increased by the addition thereto of the Post Master General).

The Massachusetts delegation to that Congress were, in the Senate, the same as in the preceding Congresses (Mr. Webster and myself); and in the House of Representatives John Q. Adams of Quincy, Nathan Appleton of Boston, Isaac C. Bates of Northampton, George N. Briggs of Lanesboro, Rufus Choate of Salem, H. A. S. Dearborn of Roxbury, John Davis of Worcester, Edward Everett of Charlestown, George Grinnell of Greenfield, Joseph G. Kendall of Leominster, John Reed of Yarmouth, James E. Hodges of Taunton and Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport.

The most important subjects which occupied the time and attention of Congress in the course of that unusually protracted session, were an "Act for the appointment of Representatives among the several States according to the Fifth Census," a "Bill to modify and continue in force an Act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States" (to renew the Charter of the Bank) and a "Bill to alter and amend the several Acts imposing duties on Imports" since known as the Tariff Act of 1832. Much time was consumed in the discussion of those three bills; and upon the Tariff Bill the discussion was of a highly sectional character and productive of much excitement; for although the bill provided for a considerable reduction of the duties on a number of articles of importation, it fell so far short of satisfying the southern members or of removing the complaints which had been created in the southern section of the Union by the passage of the Tariff Act of 1828, that the passage of the new bill was opposed not only with great zeal but with threats of resistance to the further enforcements of the enactments of its predecessor (the Tariff Act of 1828) and those threats were attempted to be put in execution, within the State of South Carolina, by means of the well-known "Nullification" Acts of that State, the ensuing season of that year.

In the month of May I received intelligence of the sudden death of my good old mother, at the age of over eighty-two years. It was but a day or two before I heard of her death that I was apprised of its near approach, and the information was such as not to encourage any hope of my being able to reach home before her departure, or I should certainly have made the effort to see her again which, as I then apprehended, would have been an unavailing one. She died before I could

possibly have reached home, after receiving the first intelligence of her sickness. On my way home from Washington we were detained several days at Jersey City by the "Cholera" which was then making such havoc in the city of New York as to have stopped the running of the steamboats from thence to Providence, and to have interrupted every other means of getting home and after having, with much difficulty, procured a steamboat by means of a special application to the directors, and for the special purpose of bringing on my own and several other families of members of Congress who had congregated at Jersey City, it was with some difficulty that we obtained permission to land upon an almost uninhabited part of the shore on the Massachusetts side of Fall River,—having previously been forbidden to approach the wharves of Newport or Providence,—nor were we permitted to land, even where we did, until such a close medical inspection of each and all the passengers had taken place as required an entire day for its performance. These detentions delayed our return to Salem until the twenty-fifth of July.

In the course of the summer of 1832, my son and his family became the occupants of a new house which he had built on a site immediately contiguous to my own homestead, thereby affording us the pleasure of having himself and family located near us.

In the month of October of that year, the "Whigs" of Massachusetts had a convention at Worcester, composed of delegates from all and each of the towns of the State and constituting one of the largest and most respectable political assemblages that had ever been held in this State, for the purpose of nominating Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and of nominating a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth; of which convention I was one of the delegates from Salem and was unanimously chosen to preside over its deliberations, which occupied two days.

To leave home for Washington, either with or without my family, and especially if unaccompanied by them, was an event which had always caused so much more of inquietude than pleasure, that it was but seldom spoken of in the family until the time of departure had so nearly arrived that the preparations for it could no longer be delayed; and towards the autumn of that year (1832) I felt a greater reluctance to leaving home than I had ever before experienced, which was caused partly by the death of my mother in the course of my last absence, but principally by the apparently increased indisposition of my brother William, who, although he continued to take his usual walk almost every day and to attend to his business as usual, had for several years been afflicted with complaints of a pulmonary character. So strong was my aversion to leaving home at that time that I had concluded to resign my seat in the Senate and would certainly have done so but for a

consultation with Doctor Jackson of Boston after an examination by him, of my brother's complaints, by which my apprehension of any sudden or rapid change in my brother's health was greatly relieved; that circumstance, aided by the solicitations of a number of my political friends not to retire from the Senate at that time, induced me to withhold my resignation and again to take my seat in the Senate, for which purpose I left Salem on the twenty-seventh of November, unaccompanied by any of my family, and on reaching Washington took lodgings with a former landlady, Mrs. Walker, in E street, in company with Thomas H. Crawford of Pennsylvania (an old messmate in the same house), H. A. Ballard of Louisiana, H. A. S. Dearborn of Massachusetts, Julian C. Verplanck of New York, and William W. Ellsworth of Connecticut, all members of the House of Representatives and agreeable men. The individuals who composed the executive branch of the government, and those who composed the Massachusetts delegation, in both branches of the Legislature, were the same at the commencement of that second session of the twenty-second Congress, as at the first session of that Congress.

The "Nullification" acts of the state of South Carolina of the summer and autumn of 1832, having for their object a resistance to the provisions of the existing Tariff Acts, had caused great excitement in the southern section of the country, and strong apprehensions of a disturbance of the peace of the Union, in every other section of it. Such was the state of the public mind, when the twenty-second Congress commenced its second session in December, 1832, a moment of greater solicitude, touching the efficiency of our Constitution and laws, than had existed since the adoption of our present form of government. Shortly after Congress had assembled, the President of the United States issued his proclamation upon the subject of the proceedings of a majority of the people of South Carolina, and, at an early period of the session, a bill (usually called the Force Bill) was reported, entitled an "Act further to provide for the collection of duties on Imports" which, after much discussion and strong opposition from some of the southern members, was passed into a law. In the course of the session, and in consequence of the then highly agitated state of the public mind, another bill (called the "Compromise Bill") and a very important one (prepared and reported by Henry Clay) was introduced and passed, entitled an "Act to modify the Act of July 14, 1832, and all other acts imposing duties on Imports," and providing for such present and future reduction of duties, as that after the year 1842 no articles of importation are to be subject to a higher rate of duty than twenty per cent, *ad valorem*. That bill received the approbation and support of all the southern and many of the western members, and was opposed by most of the northern and eastern members who con-

sidered its provisions to be such as greatly to endanger, if not break down, some of the manufacturing establishments.

While thus anxiously occupied by the deeply interesting and unpleasant public duties of that session I received, most unexpectedly, intelligence of a heavy domestic affliction. My letters by the mail of Friday the eighteenth of January, 1833, reached me while in the Senate chamber, and the first of them that I opened, which was from Mrs. Silsbee and which was written Monday the fourteenth of that month, contained the afflicting intelligence that my brother William had, on that day, been so far prostrated by a sudden and severe access of his disorder as to leave no hope of his recovery from it. Immediately on reading that letter I gave notice to my colleague in the Senate (Mr. Webster) that I should leave the city in a few hours for home, and proceeded to my lodgings to prepare myself to take passage in the first stage for Baltimore; but on reaching my lodgings and there reading my other letters, of which there were several on the same subject from different members of my family and from other connections, no room seemed to be left for the most feeble hope that my brother's life would continue until I could reach home or even so long as the sad intelligence of its approaching termination had been on its way to me, and by most of those letters I was admonished to be prepared to hear of his death by the next mail. But one occurrence in the course of my life up to that time had caused such painful sensations, as that intelligence. For some time I hesitated what course to pursue, but finally concluded to await the arrival of the next day's mail, indulging a feeble hope, though but a very feeble one, that it might bring less gloomy tidings. By the mail of Saturday, I received but one letter, which was written on Tuesday morning, when my brother William was living, but no hope at all was entertained of his continuing through the day. Sunday's mail brought the letters written on Tuesday afternoon (which should have reached me on Saturday) announcing the melancholy event of my brother's death at about noon that day (fifteenth of January) and reciting such particulars of his last moments and of the uncommon firmness of character and great composure of mind with which he spoke of his approaching end and took leave of his family and connections (those absent, as well as those about him) as could not fail to afford much consolation. Although my brother's health was evidently more feeble when I left home in the autumn of 1832 than it was in the preceding autumn, he was, nevertheless, at the counting room almost every day, except in wet weather, and I had no apprehension that, even in the event of his being more unwell, in the course of the winter, so sudden a change would take place as not to afford me time to be with him in his last days; if I had entertained such an apprehension, I should most certainly have re-

mained at home and resigned my seat in the Senate, as I contemplated doing and which, from the moment of hearing of my brother's increased sickness and death, I have most sincerely regretted not having done, and shall never cease to regret it.

During the whole of the second session of the twenty-second Congress the chair of the Senate was occupied by a president pro tempore (Hugh E. White of Tennessee) in consequence of the resignation by John C. Calhoun on the twenty-eighth of December, 1832, of his office of Vice-President of the United States, which was the first instance of a resignation of that office since its creation in 1789, by the adoption of our present Constitution and form of government.

Governor Lincoln, who was the chief magistrate of Massachusetts, having announced in his message to the Legislature in January, 1833 (while I was at Washington), that he should decline a reelection to the gubernatorial chair of that State, my name was presented, among others, in the public papers, as a candidate for that office, and I was solicited by letters from some of the leading politicians of the State, to authorize them to propose me to a Convention which was then contemplated to be held at Boston, in March, for the purpose of designating a successor to Governor Lincoln, but I declined giving any such authority.

The first presidential term of office of General Jackson terminated with the close of that session of Congress, on the third of March, 1833. Although my public duties led me occasionally to the presence of General Jackson, and sometimes to lengthy interviews with him on subjects connected with my duties as a member of the Senate, particularly in relation to duties of an executive character, I must (notwithstanding my political opposition) do him the justice to say that I never, on any occasion, either in visits of duty or of ceremony, had to encounter any of that irritability or impetuosity of temper which has been so generally and, I presume, justly ascribed to him; but on the contrary, that his deportment towards me was always gentlemanly and his civilities and attentions towards both myself and my family, were, on all occasions, such as could not fail to be perfectly satisfactory. Being anxious to reach home as early as my public duties would admit of, I left Washington on the morning of the fourth of March, without waiting to attend the ceremonies of the second inauguration of General Jackson. In consequence of the severity of the weather on that and the preceding day, I was detained at Baltimore nearly a week by the impracticability of getting on either by water or by land conveyance, as neither steamboats nor stages were moving, and I did not reach home until the fifteenth of March.

Having been appointed by my late brother William one of the executors of his will and also one of the guardians of his minor chil-

dren (in conjunction with his widow and my brother Zachariah) the duties appertaining to those trusts received my earliest attention after reaching home and were commenced at the first session of the Probate Court for this county which took place after my return to Salem. In the summer of that year (1833) the President of the United States (General Jackson) visited the New England States and on his way eastward from Boston, in the month of June, passed a night and a part of two days at the Mansion House Hotel in this city, to which he was conducted by a public procession which met him at Marblehead, and where rooms had been provided for him. In these rooms (probably in consequence of his health being feeble at that time) he remained the whole time he was in the city with the exception of a short morning's visit to the East India Marine Hall, where a number of our citizens were introduced to him. On leaving the city, the President rode through some of our principal streets, which was the only opportunity afforded to any of the female part of the community to see him.

In the autumn of that year the state was visited by a distinguished political opponent of General Jackson and a rival candidate for the Presidency of the United States at the then recent Presidential election — Henry Clay of Kentucky. Mr. Clay, while at Boston, was invited by a committee appointed at a meeting of the citizens to visit this city, which invitation was accepted, and on the day fixed upon for that purpose he was conducted from Boston by the committee through the towns of Lynn and Danvers (at both of which places he met a public reception and some detention), was met by a large cavalcade of the citizens of Salem, passed through the principal streets of the city, was publicly received at the "Mansion House Hotel" by a short address from myself (as chairman of the committee) to which Mr. Clay replied, and after being introduced to an immense congregation of citizens, partook of a public dinner provided for the occasion; subsequently to which, Mr. and Mrs. Clay (who had accompanied her husband to Boston and who had accepted an invitation from Mrs. Silsbee to be with her during Mr. Clay's visit to the city, and who had, accordingly, been passing the day with her) passed the evening and night at my house where they were met by a large party of ladies and gentlemen who had been invited there for that purpose. After taking breakfast with my family the next morning, Mr. and Mrs. Clay were conveyed back to Boston, the former by myself and other members of the committee and the latter (Mrs. Clay) by some of my connections in a private carriage.

The Convention which had been proposed to be held at Boston in the month of March, for the purpose of designating a successor to Governor Lincoln, was postponed until October and then held at Wor-

cester where a committee of that body, appointed for that purpose, reported my name with that of one other individual, as candidate for the gubernatorial chair. On being apprised of the proceedings at that Convention, it was with much satisfaction that I heard that another individual than myself (a gentleman residing at Worcester and not the one whose name had been reported by the committee with my own) had been designated by the Convention as their candidate. I had never authorized any one to make such a nomination, nor said nor done anything to induce a belief that I should or could acquiesce in the nomination, if made; but, on the contrary, I had refused the solicited permission of several individuals to use my name for that purpose. I was quite tired of the public duties appertaining to the situation which I then held, in the Senate of the United States (a situation sufficiently elevated and honorable to fill the measure of any reasonable man's ambition and certainly not an inferior one to Governor of the State) and felt a yet stronger aversion to assume any new and, to me, untried ones.

Towards the latter part of November, 1833, Mrs. Silsbee and our two daughters accompanied me towards Washington as far as Philadelphia, where they passed about three weeks, and then joined me at Washington, where I had previously engaged a suite of private rooms for the session, at Mrs. Thompson's boarding house on Pennsylvania Avenue, opposite the "Centre-Market." The members of the executive branch of the government at the commencement of that first session of the twenty-third Congress were Andrew Jackson, President, and Martin Van Buren of New York, Vice-President of the United States; Louis McLane of Delaware, Secretary of State (Mr. Livingston, the late Secretary of State, having been appointed Minister to France); Roger B. Taney of Maryland, Secretary of Treasury; Lewis Cass of Michigan, Secretary of War; Levi Woodbury of New Hampshire, Secretary of the Navy; William T. Barry of Kentucky, Post Master General and Benjamin Franklin Butler of New York, Attorney General. The Massachusetts delegation of that Congress were Daniel Webster and myself in the Senate; and in the House of Representatives, John Quincy Adams of Quincy, Isaac C. Bates of Northampton, William Baylies of West Bridgewater, George N. Briggs of Lanesboro, Rufus Choate of Salem, John Davis of Worcester, Edward Everett of Charlestown, Benjamin Gorham of Boston, George Grinnell, jr., of Greenfield, Gayton P. Osgood of Andover, John Reed of Yarmouth, and William Jackson of Newton.

That session (1833-34) which continued until the thirtieth of June was not only a long one, but, to me, a more laborious one than usual. At the commencement of the session the "Whig" members constituted a majority of the Senate, and were therefore enabled, for

the first time for several years, to organize the committees of that body. They made no further changes, however, than to secure the control of a few of the most important committees, by placing upon them a chairman and a majority of members of their own party; under that organization I was made the chairman of the Committee on Commerce, but neither the honor nor the situation nor the increased labours which it caused me, were either solicited or desired by me. In the spring of 1834 my son's wife made us a visit (having been accompanied from Salem by some of her connections) and passed a few weeks with us at Washington. I returned to Salem with my family on the sixth of July.

On the seventh day of August, 1834, a public dinner was given by the Whigs of Salem to my colleague in the Senate of the United States (Daniel Webster) and myself, in a large pavilion, erected for the purpose on the centre of the mall and nearly in front of my residence. That "Whig-dinner" (given to evince an approbation of the proceedings of their own and of the other "Whig members" of the United States Senate, in opposition to some of the measures of the executive branch of the government) was much the largest festival of the kind that had ever been held in this town or in the county; the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, several of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress and many other distinguished guests from Boston and elsewhere were present, by invitation from the Committee of Arrangements.

On the twenty-second of November, 1834, I left town again with Mrs. Silsbee and our daughter Mary, for Washington, where we took a suite of rooms to ourselves at Miss Corcoran's boarding-house, on Pennsylvania Avenue. The members of the executive branch of the government at the commencement of that second session of the twenty-third Congress were Andrew Jackson, President, and Martin Van Buren, Vice-President of the United States; John Forsyth of Georgia, Secretary of State (Louis McLane having resigned that office); Levi Woodbury of New Hampshire, Secretary of the Treasury (the Senate having refused to confirm the appointment of Roger B. Taney to that office); Lewis Cass of Michigan, Secretary of War; Mahlan Dickerson of New Jersey, Secretary of the Navy; William T. Barry of Kentucky, Postmaster General, and Benjamin F. Butler of New York, Attorney General. The Massachusetts delegation were the same in both branches of the Legislature as at the preceding session, with the exception of two changes in the House of Representatives, viz., Stephen C. Phillips, in the place of Rufus Choate, from Salem, and Levi Lincoln in the place of John Davis of Worcester.

At the commencement of that session of Congress, there were strong apprehensions in every part of the Union, that this country

and France might become involved in war. In consequence of the French Government having caused to be protested, for non-payment, a draft upon it from our government, for the first instalment of the indemnity (which had been settled by treaty and which had become due) for spoliation on our commerce, a controversy had taken place between the two governments, which caused the French Minister (Mr. Serurier) to ask for passports and to leave this country, and our Minister at the Court of France (Edward Livingston) to leave that country, and which for some time seemed to leave but small hope of an amicable adjustment.

At that time, a majority of the Senate being "Whigs," they could constitute the committees of the body as they pleased; but there were a few individuals of that majority who were disposed to place the *question of Peace or War*, wholly and entirely in the hands of the executive branch of the government; and in accordance with those views, were desirous that the "Committee on Foreign Relations" (to which that part of the President's message relating to the situation of affairs with France would be referred) should be composed entirely of the political friends of the administration — our political opponents. The principal objection to such a committee was caused by the well-known impetuosity of General Jackson, which, it was strongly apprehended by many, might lead us, unnecessarily, into war, and which might be prevented by such a report from the committee as would fully sustain our own country, in each and every branch of its government, without causing irritation to that of France. After considerable private discussion relative to the composition of the Committee on Foreign Relations, a meeting of the Whig members of the Senate was held at my rooms, where, after considerable discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Committee on Foreign Relations should be composed, as at the preceding session, of a majority of Whig members with Mr. Clay as their chairman. The arrangements of the evening were acted upon next day and, in due time, a most able report touching the situation of things with France was made by Mr. Clay, which met the approbation of all parties, and in my judgment, contributed greatly to the amicable adjustment of the controversy to which it related, and thereby to the preservation of peace.

That session of Congress, of 1834-35, though a short one, was to me the most laborious one that I had experienced. The duties of the Committee on Commerce (of which I was reëlected the chairman), were much more onerous than usual, and in addition to the other numerous questions submitted to the consideration of that committee, there was one which occupied much of my time and attention. In the course of the two preceding sessions there had been much conversation and some public discussion relative to the then existing number of

Custom House officers, and of their compensations; and towards the close of the preceding session of Congress, I was requested by several distinguished members of the Senate to endeavour to obtain such information on the subject as would enable Congress to act upon it. In accordance with the views and feelings which I had long entertained and often expressed both publicly and privately on the subject, and in compliance with the requests of others, I offered a Resolution on the 25th of June (a few days before the adjournment of the preceding session) calling on the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress, at the commencement of the then ensuing session "the amount of revenue collected; the number of entries and clearances; the amount of tonnage entered; and the amount of fees received, at each of the Custom Houses for each of the two last years; also the amount and rate of commission charged by each of the collectors on the revenue collected by him; the number of officers of every description employed at each of the Custom Houses; the amount of the emoluments of every kind received by each of those officers and the expenses incident to their respective offices for each of the two last years, and also whether any, and if any, such of those offices or officers may be dispensed with, without injury to the public service." With the information called for by that resolution (which was obtained soon after the meeting of Congress, and referred to the Committee on Commerce) and such as I had been able to obtain by means of correspondence and of personal interviews with the Collectors and other officers of the Revenue, as well as with mercantile gentlemen, I was requested and authorized by the other members of the Committee on Commerce to propose a "Bill to regulate the number and compensation of Custom House officers" (of whom there were more than fifteen hundred, of various grade) which, after much labor, both of body and mind, I accomplished in such manner as to meet the approbation of every member of the committee (which comprised individuals of both political parties) and on its being acted upon by the Senate, I succeeded in carrying it through that body without any alterations or amendments whatever, except such as were proposed by myself. Although the bill provided for very considerable changes of the compensations of a large portion of the officers increasing some and reducing others, as well as for a reduction of the numbers of those officers in several of the districts; and although many amendments were proposed by numbers of the Senate of both political parties and from various sections of the country (founded upon letters from Custom House officers and aided and urged by the presence of those officers, a host of whom had collected at Washington from nearly all the principal districts of the Union, to attend, and, if practicable, to influence the action of Congress upon that bill) yet I succeeded (though I hardly know how it should have so

happened) in resisting them all; and the bill passed the Senate sufficiently early in the session for the consideration of, and decision of the House of Representatives upon it; but it was no further acted upon by that branch of the Legislature than to be reported by its Committee of Commerce with a few, and but a few amendments.

My duties in the Senate were to terminate on the third of March, 1835, and the session of the Legislature of Massachusetts, in the course of which a new election was to be made, was to commence early in January. To prevent any use being made of my name on that occasion, I caused notice to be given through the public newspapers early in December (although urged by several friends not to do so) of my intention to retire from public life after the third of March; and that I declined being considered a candidate for reelection to the seat which I then occupied in the Senate of the United States. Previous to the publication of that notice no candidate had been nominated, but immediately thereafter several candidates were announced and among them were John Quincy Adams, Levi Lincoln (late Governor), John Davis, then Governor of the State, Isaac C. Bates and several others. It was some time after the first trial, and not until after several successive ballottings, by each branch of the Legislature, that the choice of my successor was effected by the election of Governor Davis.

About the middle of February my son made us a visit, from Salem, and passed the residue of the session with us at Washington. On the night of the third of March, or rather, on the adjournment of the Senate on the close of that day's session, which did not take place until between the hours of two and three o'clock on the morning of the fourth of March, my public services terminated. I left Washington accompanied by those of my family who were then with me, on the morning of the fifth of March and reached home on the fourteenth of that month.

Relieved from those public cares which had occupied a large portion of my time and of my attention for a number of years, and which had caused long and frequent absences from my home and from my business, I indulged a strong and as I then thought a well-founded hope that some years of interrupted domestic quiet and happiness might be in store for me. But Providence had otherwise ordained, and that hope which I had so fondly anticipated, was soon and most severely blighted.

Although Mrs. Silsbee's health had been such, in the course of the last session of Congress, as to compel her occasionally to keep her chamber for several days together, yet, at other times, her health seemed to be as good and her enjoyment of society about the same as usual; and on the last night of the session she was at the "Capitol"

sometimes in the Senate Chamber and sometimes in the Hall of the House of Representatives, accompanied by a number of her female friends, until after midnight. She was more or less unwell the greater part of the journey home and for some time after reaching there. In the course of the month of May she passed about ten days at the Lynn Mineral Spring Hotel and returned from thence with improved health. In the early part of July she was with her niece, Mrs. Sally Rogers, several days immediately preceding the death of that lady, which event and the exertions which it caused, had, I am apprehensive, an unfavorable effect upon her own health.

On the third of August, Mrs. Silsbee, our two daughters, our niece Mary Ann Wellman, and myself, set out on a journey, which had been some weeks in contemplation, towards Saratoga Springs, the waters of which had, on several former occasions, been so highly beneficial to Mrs. Silsbee that she felt a strong confidence in their further efficiency. We travelled slowly via Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, New Haven, New York City, Rockaway, West Point, Catskill Mountains, and Albany, stopping at each of those places, and arrived at Saratoga on the fourteenth of August. The journey had, apparently, been beneficial to Mrs. Silsbee, and the next morning after reaching Saratoga she commenced the use of the waters by walking to the Springs for that purpose, and continued to use them for three days with a strong hope that she should derive the same benefit from them which she had realized on all former occasions; but after having used them those three days, she became suddenly so unwell while at the dinner table (the last at which she ever sat except in her own chamber) as to be obliged to retire to her chamber, to which she was confined under the care of a physician, until the twenty-third of August, when she took a short ride, and on the next morning concluded to commence her journey homeward. We accordingly left our lodgings at Congress Hall in the course of the forenoon of Monday the twenty-fourth of August and reached Troy in the afternoon of the same day. It was Mrs. Silsbee's wish and intention to return by land carriage via Lebanon, Northampton and Worcester, but the fatigue of riding from Saratoga to Troy was such that she abandoned, though very reluctantly, her intention of making the journey by land, and concluded to take passage in the steamboat to New York and thence to Providence. After resting at Troy until the morning of the twenty-sixth we took the boat and arrived at the city of New York early in the afternoon of the same day; left there the next morning and arrived at Providence on the same evening of the twenty-seventh where we were detained by the indisposition of our niece until the morning of the twenty-ninth, when we left Providence in the railroad cars, at seven o'clock, reached Boston at half-past nine o'clock, and by

means of an extra stage from thence, reached home about noon on Saturday the twenty-ninth of August after an absence of twenty-six days.

We were all very glad to find ourselves at home and Mrs. Silsbee said, on entering the house, that it was one of the happiest events of her life. In about an hour after getting into the house she retired from the parlour to her chamber and to her bed and sent for her physician, Dr. Treadwell, who seemed to entertain no apprehension but that her health might and would be restored; nor had I then entertained any doubts but that, with the comforts of home and the aid of her physician, her health would soon be improved; but after the expiration of a week, finding no apparent change for the better, I began to feel some gloomy forebodings and, with the approbation of Dr. Treadwell, called Dr. Jackson from Boston for his examination of the case, and advice. He, too, as well as Dr. Treadwell, seemed to entertain no doubt as to the restoration of Mrs. Silsbee to her usual state of health. My fears were much alleviated, if not entirely dispelled, by the result of that consultation of physicians, and continued so for another week, when the increased debility of Mrs. Silsbee was such as to leave to me but little hope of her recovery; although Dr. Treadwell's opinion seemed not to be much changed until three or four days before her death, which took place at half-past nine o'clock on Sunday evening the twentieth day of September, just three weeks and one day after reaching home from our journey. Her remains were entombed on the twenty-third day of September, the day preceding the fifty-seventh anniversary of her birth (which was on the twenty-fourth day of September, 1778) and within three months of thirty-three years after our marriage.

It was the first death of an adult person at which I had ever been present — no such event having taken place among my own connections (the Silsbees) from the period of my father's death (which happened abroad) in 1791, until that of my mother (forty-one years thereafter) in 1832, which, as also that of my brother William, about eight months subsequently, took place while I was at Washington. The two last afflictive events had, as I then believed, prepared me to meet and to sustain the loss of any of my connections, however near and dear to me, who might be called out of life before me; and I continued in that belief even until Mrs. Silsbee had passed from this to another world when I found that I had greatly overrated my ability to meet such a trying event, the recollection and effect of which may be assuaged by time, but can never be obliterated — it has caused a void in my life which I feel every hour of the day — the sad thought that she is gone forever mixes itself with all my thoughts and feelings. The high moral worth of my deceased wife, as well as her great delicacy of mind and manners, was extensively known and highly appreciated.

How my time was occupied, until I was placed in the discharge of public duties, may be conjectured from what I have already narrated; but my labours during the eighteen years that I was engaged in the public service (which, however humble may have been their character or effect, were occasionally, and especially the last two years of them, as incessant and arduous as the labours of any period of my life) were too diversified for particular description.

While in the House of Representatives of the United States, besides being on several special committees (on the subject of a "Territorial Government for the southern part of Missouri," on the subject of "Currency," etc., etc.) I was a member of the Naval Committee, of that body and, one of those years, had charge of that committee.

While in the Senate of the United States, besides being on several special committees (for three or four successive years on as many special committees, to which was referred the subject of "French Spoiliations prior to the year 1800," also on the subject of a "Uniform System of Bankruptcy," "Committees of Conference" with Committees of the House of Representatives, Committees to wait on the President to inform him that a quorum of both houses of Congress were ready to receive his communications and the like) I was always, with the exception of the last year, on two, and several times on three of the standing committees of that body (on "Finance," on "Commerce," on the "Post Office" and on "Private Land Claims"). I was a member of the Committee of Finance for five or six years, a member of the Committee on Commerce each and all of the nine years that I occupied a seat in the Senate, the two last of which years (after the Whig-party obtained a majority in the Senate) I was the chairman of that committee, and I cannot but consider it a circumstance of uncommon occurrence, that, except when in the autumn of 1820 I was detained at home by sickness, which prevented my reaching Washington until a few days after the meeting of Congress, I was never absent from the daily sessions of the House of Representatives, nor from the daily sessions of the Senate of this Commonwealth, but one day during the whole time that I was a member of those bodies, nor was I ever absent from any meeting of either of the Committees of Finance or Commerce, of the Senate of the United States, while I was a member of those committees, although those meetings always occupied four and often six mornings of every week of the session. For the last week or two of each session, those committees, one or the other of them, were usually in session every morning.

I never solicited office, either directly or indirectly, nor have I contributed in any way whatever towards the procurement of any one of the public trusts which have been bestowed upon me, and I have retired voluntarily and wishfully from every public situation which I

have ever held. And having ever considered "the pain of a little censure, even when unfounded, to be more acute than the pleasure of much praise," I cannot but consider myself fortunate inasmuch as, although in the course of my public life I may have received more of the latter than I deserved, it has been my good fortune to escape the former.

My engagements in the public service have, by causing a great increase in my expenses and by withdrawing me from my private concerns, had considerable effect upon my pecuniary situation and caused my property to be much less than it might and probably would otherwise have been. My expenses, since I entered public life in the year 1817, have been thereby increased from three to four thousand dollars per annum, at least; and this extra expense (after subtracting from it the amount of my compensation for public services during the same time) for eighteen years with the annual interest thereon, amounts to fifty or sixty thousand dollars.

At a Whig convention of delegates from every section of the Commonwealth held at Worcester in the autumn of 1836 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, to be supported at the then ensuing election, the following ticket was reported by a committee appointed for that purpose and received the approbation of the convention:—

Electors of President and Vice-President :

At large,	Nathaniel Silsbee,	of Salem.
	Edward A. Newton,	" Pittsfield.
District No. 1.	Samuel Appleton,	" Boston.
" " 2.	Leverett Saltonstall,	" Salem.
" " 3.	Benjamin Walker,	" Lowell.
" " 4.	Loammi Baldwin,	" Charlestown.
" " 5.	Joseph C. Kendall,	" Worcester.
" " 6.	Samuel Lee,	" Barre.
" " 7.	Thomas Langley,	" Hawley.
" " 8.	Isaac C. Bates,	" Northampton.
" " 9.	Beralul Taft, jr.,	" Uxbridge.
" " 10.	Howard Lathrop,	" Easton.
" " 11.	Charles W. Morgan,	" New Bedford.
" " 12.	Charles T. Howes,	" Rochester.

The individuals thus nominated by the convention were, each and all of them, chosen at the election held for that purpose by the people of the Commonwealth, in the month of November of that year, and having received the Governor's certificate of their election (according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the Commonwealth) they

met at the Senate Chamber, in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of December following, when the "Electoral College" was organized, in which organization I was appointed the presiding officer, and Mr. Kendall was appointed secretary; and on the following day the votes of each and of all the electors were given to Daniel Webster of Boston for President and for Gideon Granger of New York for Vice-President of the United States, neither of whom, however, received a majority of the votes of the States; their successful competitors were Martin Van Buren of New York who was elected President, and Richard M. Johnson of Kentucky, Vice-President. The electors appointed one of their body (Mr. Langley) to be the bearer of their votes to Washington.

On the thirty-first of May, 1838, I left Salem accompanied by my two daughters and attended by a man-servant, on a tour of diversion towards some of the western states, without any prescribed limits as to time or distance, and with an uncertainty whether it might occupy only a few weeks or as many months of our time. We proceeded the whole distance from Boston to Washington (the railroad from Salem to Boston was not then quite completed) by railroads and steamboats, passing through and making short stops at each of the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. We reached Washington on the seventh of June while Congress was in session; and, although we had contemplated passing but two or three days in that city, were induced by the civilities and kindness of numerous friends and acquaintances whom we met at Washington, to remain there until the evening of the sixteenth of June. Many of those friends I had not seen since the termination of my public service at Washington, in March, 1835, and the meeting of them, together with the visits which I was called to make, at various residences (some of which had been previously occupied by my own family) could not fail, daily and almost hourly, to remind me of the afflicting dispensation of Providence which, since I was last in that city, had deprived me of the partner of my life, who had previously passed much time with me there, and whose death is as seriously felt by me now as at the time of its occurrence, three years since.

We left Washington on the evening of the sixteenth of June, in a steamboat for Potomac-Creek, distant about fifty miles, on the Virginia shore where we landed at an early hour on the following morning, and to which place some of our congressional friends were so kind as to favor us with their company returning in the boat to Washington. From Potomac-Creek we proceeded, by stages and railroads, through Fredericksburg to Charlottesville, where we passed the night, and before leaving it on the next morning, took a look at the University buildings and had a distant view of "Monticello" the residence of the

late Thomas Jefferson. From thence we passed to Stanton, and on the following day to the "Natural-Bridge" at and about which we passed two days, and from thence proceeded by way of Buchanan, Fincastle and other towns, to the "Sweet Sulphur Springs" where we passed part of a day and thence to the "White Sulphur Springs" (a distance from Washington by the route we took of about 329 miles) which we reached on the 23rd of June and where we passed a week, in company with acquaintances whom we met there from almost every section of the Union, and where the comforts and civilities which were accorded to us were increased by a letter of introduction which was put into my hands at Washington, by Mr. Clay, to the proprietor of that valuable establishment (Mr. Caldwell) who is an old and ardent political as well as personal friend of Mr. Clay; and who is understood to have declined the acceptance of an offer of six hundred thousand dollars for the grounds and buildings which he owns at that place.

On the thirtieth day of June we left the "White Sulphur," and after passing part of a day and a night at the "Blue Sulphur Springs" (a pleasant and comfortable place, about twenty-two miles from the "White Sulphur") proceeded to Guyandotta on the Virginia shore of the Ohio River (about 162 miles from the "White Sulphur Springs") where, in an hour after our arrival at that place, we embarked in a steamboat for Cincinnati about 160 miles distant, and after a long passage (caused by numerous stoppages and detentions for freight and passengers, at various places on the river) arrived early on the morning of the fourth of July and landed at Cincinnati, while, by their cannon on the bank of the river, the citizens of that place were proclaiming it to be the anniversary of our National Independence. We took rooms at the Broadway Hotel, but were not permitted to remain there longer than to take our breakfast and dinner, when we were taken to the residence of Mr. Longworth and his family, a part of whom passed a week at my house in Salem in the summer of 1836, and one of whose daughters is the wife of our long and highly esteemed friend, Larz Anderson, who during his collegiate course of studies at Cambridge, and for some time before entering college, was under my protection and care, and who, in the course of that time (from the spring of 1818 to the autumn of 1822) was frequently a member of my family. From him and from the other members of the Longworth family, we realized great kindness and attention during our stay at Cincinnati; as we did also from Judge Burnet, formerly a member of the United States Senate from Ohio, and a friend and co-laborer with me in that branch of the United States Government.

After passing a pleasant week at Cincinnati we took passage in a steamboat for Louisville in Kentucky, distant about one hundred and

fifty miles, and landed at that place early on the next morning where we passed three days and where, besides, three of my old fellow members of the Senate (Judge Rowan and Judge Bill formerly members of the Senate from Kentucky, and Governor Poindexter formerly member from Mississippi) we met also a number of highly respectable and esteemed acquaintances from whom we received many kind attentions and who caused our stay there to be a very pleasant one. From Louisville we proceeded by stage, accompanied by our friend Charles Anderson (a brother of Larz) through Frankfort to Lexington, a distance of seventy-five miles, where we arrived on the evening of the fifteenth of July, and just as we had finished breakfast, at the hotel, on the following morning, Mr. Clay (who had reached his home, from Washington, on the preceding day and who had heard of our arrival) called with two carriages, and insisted on taking us and our baggage directly to his residence, at Ashland (about a mile from the city) where we passed three days very agreeably, enjoying not only the hospitality and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Clay, but also that of some of their connections, and of other distinguished citizens of Kentucky to whose acquaintance we were introduced. We were afforded an opportunity, while at Mr. Clay's, of seeing some of the finest cattle, of various kinds, which are to be found in the country; Mr. Clay having, for several years past, devoted much of his attention to the importation and propagation of the valuable stock of animals, which are now seen in the immediate vicinity of Lexington. As an indication of the value at which some of these animals are estimated, I was assured that for a cow owned by Mr. Clay's son and which I saw, the high price of 2200 dollars had been offered; and that 500 dollars had been offered for a calf of hers, the moment it was born.

We took leave of Mr. Clay at Ashland, on the morning of the nineteenth of July, and in an extra stage, accompanied by Mr. Charles Anderson and another friend, arrived at Maysville, a distance of sixty-five miles, in the afternoon of the same day, but not finding any boat there that was going down the river, we had to wait at Maysville until the following morning, when we embarked and arrived at Cincinnati (sixty-five miles distant) in the afternoon, and were taken by young Mr. Longworth, who met us at the landing, directly to the residence of his father. We passed the night there and on the following forenoon took leave of that family (the Longworths) and of our other friends at Cincinnati, and embarked in a canal boat accompanied by young Mr. Longworth and Mr. Charles Anderson for Dayton, the place of Mr. Charles Anderson's residence and about sixty-three miles from Cincinnati. We reached Dayton early on the next day and after taking dinner with Mr. Anderson and his family, left in an extra stage for Springfield (twenty-five miles) where we passed the night, and on

the next morning proceeded on our journey towards Columbus, a distance of forty-three miles, and arrived there sufficiently early in the afternoon to afford us an opportunity to walk round and take a full view of that city, which is the seat of government of the State of Ohio. We left Columbus next morning in another extra stage, and after stopping to dine at the "Delaware Springs" (a pleasant and commodious watering place where we met several of our western acquaintances) we continued our journey towards the city of Sandusky, a distance of one hundred and nine miles from Columbus, and on the Ohio shore of Lake Erie, which we reached on the afternoon of the twenty-fifth of July, after two days ride from Columbus. On the morning of the twenty-sixth of July we embarked in a steamboat for Detroit, in the State of Michigan, seventy miles distant, and arrived there in the afternoon of the same day. On the next forenoon (the twenty-seventh of July) we embarked again in another steamboat and arrived in the afternoon at the town of Monroe, a distance of forty-five miles, and the place of residence of Mr. Charles Noble, who had previously purchased some land in that State, for myself and others.

The intense heat of the weather at that time prevented my going into the interior of the state, to see some of those lands, as I had contemplated doing, and after seeing (in company with Mr. Noble) such of them as were in the immediate vicinity of the town of Monroe, we left there on the twenty-ninth of July, by stage, for Toledo, and embarked at that place on the afternoon of the same day, in a steamboat for Buffalo, in the State of New York, where, after stopping at Cleveland, and several other places on the southern shore of the lake, and after a passage of about forty hours and sailing about three hundred and two miles we arrived on the morning of the thirty-first of July. After passing part of the day at Buffalo in viewing the great increase and improvement of that city since I was there in the year 1827, we proceeded by the railroad to Niagara Falls, from whence after two days stay there (on the American side) we proceeded by way of Lockport, Batavia and Avon to Genesee (twenty-nine miles from Niagara) at which place, before we could prepare ourselves to call on our former acquaintances, of the Wadsworth family, they had heard of our being at the hotel, and not only called on us but took us and our baggage to their hospitable mansion where we passed three days very pleasantly. From Genesee we came by stage and railroad through Canandaigua, Geneva and Auburn to Syracuse, about ninety-five miles, and thence by canal boat about fifty miles, to Utica, at which place and at Trenton Falls, we passed about forty-eight hours, and from thence by railroad about eighty miles to Albany and thence by railroad about thirty-six miles to Saratoga Springs, where we met a number of acquaintances, and where we passed a few days. We

then proceeded by way of Troy and Albany (stopping a few hours and calling on some friends at each of those places) to New York city, where, and at "Rockaway" we stopped three days, and came from thence by steamboat to Newport, at which place we made another short stop of two days, and then came, by stage and railroad through Fall River, Taunton and Boston, to Salem where we arrived on the twenty-first day of August, in good health and without accident after an absence from home of but ten days short of three months, and after having travelled over three thousand miles.

MUSTER ROLL OF CAPT. THEODORE MORGAN'S COMPANY.

Muster Roll of Captain Theodore Morgan's Detached Company of Foot, with the Equipments of the Non-Commissioned Officers & Privates, and their places of Abode.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' NAMES.

Theodore Morgan, Capt.
Edward Lander, Lt.
David Wilson, Ensign.

NON-COM^d OFFICERS.

PLACE OF ABODE. SALEM.

Jonathan Brown	}	Sergeants	Green Lane
John Trumbull	}		Winter Street
Caleb Warner	}		Bridge St.
David Ellsworth	}		North-fields
James McCarthy, Drummer			Williams Street
Hugh Pike, Fifer.			Norman St.

NAMES OF RANK AND FILE.

Henry Allen	Derby Street
John Howard jr	Water Street
Samuel Balch	Elm Street
William P. Orne	Court St.
James R. Buffum	Bath St.
George A. Ward	Lynde St.
Joseph I. Knap	Essex St.
Willard Peele	" "
Mesheck W. Dow	Neptune St.
James Forgerty	Market St.
Eben Senter	Curtis St.
Nathan Porter	Liberty St.
Jonathan Sanders	Herbert St.

David Day	Winter St.
Cutting Silley	Bridge St.
Phillip English	Bridge St.
Charles Forbes	Bridge St.
Jonathan Smith	Bridge St.
William Abbot	Andrew St.
Joshua Boynton	Pleas ^t St.
Joseph Blood	Bridge St.
Ezra Shepard	Andrew St.
Thomas Baker	Pleas ^t St.
Isaac Hagett	Essex St.
John Becket jun ^r	Beckets Court
John Masury	Becket Street
Henry Archer jun ^r	" "
Nathaniel Weston jun ^r	Derby St.
Samuel Cloutman	" "
Peter Jerad	" "
Stephen Fogg	Turner St.
Charles Green	Turner St.
Joseph Boyinton	Daniels St.
Ebenezer Slocum	" "
Daniel Ringe	English St.
Daniel Blanchard	Essex St.
Elijah Perkins	Ash St.
Richard Hay	Williams St.
Daniel Henderson	Brown St.
Thomas Davenport	Essex St.
William Luscomb 5 th	Brown St.
Henry White	Corner of Essex & Nuby St.
Nathan Adams	Fairfield St.
Elisha Harrington	Bath St.
John White	County St.
Parker Cross	St. Peter St.
Robert H. Osgood	Brown St.
Benj. West	Williams St.
Benjamin Wells	St. Peter St.
Jacob Endicott	Fairfield St.
William Studson	Stage Point
John H. Wild	Derby's Farm
Gidens Allen	Harber St.
Benjamin Brookhouse	High St.
Jonathan Whipple	Norman St.
Stephen Jewitt	" "
Joel Bowker	Summer St.
Oliver Cummings	Stage Point
Phillip Gurley	Norman St.
David Robins	Pickman St.
Amos Putman	Northfield
Jonathan Neal Jun ^r	Broad St.
David Becket	Salem
William Stearnes Jun ^r	"
Nathanel Appleton Jr	"
Simon Flanders	"
John Treadwell	"
Henry Pool	"
Stephen Palmer	"





CHIEF JUSTICE PARSONS:

BORN, 1750: APPOINTED, 1806: DIED, 1813.

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PARSONS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION OF 1788.

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I DESIRE to say something of Theophilus Parsons, who, in his day, was familiarly known as the great Chief Justice of this State, and of the part he took in the Constitutional Convention, which, after much doubt and delay, by a small majority, adopted the Constitution of the United States. Where a result is accomplished by the joint efforts of a large number of able and distinguished men, it may seem somewhat ill-judged and ungracious to claim for any one of this number special merit and consideration. But, in this case, so great has been the success of the Federal Constitution, that, since the time of its adoption, it has been regarded a great honor to have been even a member of any of the Conventions which voted in favor of it, and the admirers of distinguished men, notably in the case of Hancock and Adams, have studiously endeavored to make it appear that it was especially through their

efforts that the Constitution in this State was finally adopted.

An Essex man may be pardoned therefore if, in this case, he should claim that, if a distinction is to be made in the value of the services performed by the members of the Convention, the first place is to be awarded to Theophilus Parsons of Newburyport, who possessed, in an extraordinary degree, the qualities needed by the friends of the Constitution when they attempted to carry it in the State of Massachusetts.

It must be conceded, for on this point the testimony is conclusive, that, when the Convention assembled, the majority of its members were opposed to the adoption of the Constitution. It is conceded also that while a numerical majority of the members were opposed, a very large preponderance of the wealth and intelligence of the Convention was in favor of it.

It is remarkable that, while on one side are the names of men eminent in their time and afterward for talents and wealth and influence, there are very few men on the other side who enjoyed any distinction, either then or later. According to the testimony of General Knox, who was a close and fair-minded observer of the Convention, the opponents of the Constitution were, for the most part, men, more or less, by sympathy or action, identified with Shay's Rebellion, and whose ideas of liberty were inconsistent with law and order. They were supported in their ideas of freedom, to some extent, by a few well-meaning men who naturally sympathized with popular rights, but were naturally jealous of power, as hostile to the rights and liberties of the people. There were, however, only a few of this class; the great majority of the law-abiding citizens whose sympathies, under ordinary political conditions, were on the side of popular rights, had been forced by the violence and excesses of the mob-spirit which culminated in Shay's Rebellion to array themselves with the friends of law and order and to throw their influence in their favor. The result was, in this State, a sharp division between the conservatives who believed law essential to liberty, and the extreme radicals who believed that they

could only preserve their liberties by constantly asserting them in open defiance of law and order. The revolutionary spirit had degenerated into license and the opposition in the Convention, according to the concurrent testimony of respectable citizens, was composed mainly of lawless and irresponsible men, without position or character, who hoped, in the general confusion and disorder of the times, to mend their own fortunes.

The Federalists, who were friends of the Constitution, were of one mind and of one purpose. No personal ambitions, and no difference of opinion on special measures weakened their zeal or divided their forces. They were a unit, and worked from the start with the energy and precision of a machine, whose object was to accomplish one purpose and nothing else, and that was in some way to overcome the adverse majority, and secure the vote of the State for the Constitution. Their important work was transacted in secret caucus, where the leaders met daily and compared notes and reported progress, keeping everything so close that when the time came to show their hand, the result of their efforts was a surprise to many of their own party. Bancroft, with all his attainments and patience in research, was a partisan so blinded by prejudice that he could not see the truth of this. He tried to maintain that Hancock was in full sympathy with the ardent Federalists, coöperating with them in secret caucus in all their movements to secure the passage of the Constitution. Bancroft disliked the Federalists. He was a Democrat and he tried hard to show that the country was as much indebted to Hancock and Adams, whose associations were with the Anti-Federalists, for the success of the Constitution in Massachusetts, as to any of the Federalists who were its most devoted and outspoken friends. This view is contradicted by the evidence. It is clear that, before the Convention assembled, both Hancock and Adams were counted by the Liberty men as well as by the Federalists as unfriendly to the Constitution, and during the session of the Convention even, their conduct was so uncertain and equivocal that it was a matter of doubt, among some of the active and intelligent Federalists, what their position

would be when the decisive vote was taken. There is good ground for believing that Hancock was only, at last, persuaded to support the Constitution by assurances from the Federalists that they would give him their votes for Governor and that he should also receive the electoral vote of the State for President, which would be decisive in his favor, in the event that Washington should be ineligible as a candidate as he would be in case of the rejection of the Constitution by Virginia. There was formerly among the papers of General Knox a copy of a letter from Knox to Washington in which he said that, during the debates in the Massachusetts Convention, it was supposed that Virginia would reject the Constitution, and that if Hancock would lend his influence in favor of the Constitution, the Federalists would in return do all in their power to secure his nomination for the Presidency. This letter has disappeared. Its existence a few years ago can be established by conclusive proof.

Bancroft says, and the evidence fully sustains him, that the influence and efforts of Washington were all-powerful in favor of the Constitution and that there can be no doubt that it was Washington's great popularity and authority that carried Virginia for the Constitution. If the tradition be true, in respect to the suggestion made to Hancock by the Federalists, that his personal fortunes would be improved by the opposition of Virginia to the Constitution, and that Hancock acted on that suggestion, then we have this singular result that Virginia was carried, because it was her mind that Washington would be President, and that Massachusetts was carried with the hope on the part of Hancock that, through the loss of Virginia, Washington would be ineligible and the prize would come to him.

When the Convention assembled it was perceived by all parties that a crisis had arrived in the affairs of the Commonwealth, and that the happiness and destinies of the people would largely depend on the result of its proceedings.

It was not a case for argument, though the whole instrument was carefully considered by sections, and the merits

of its different provisions were clearly and ably set forth. The opposition was not to be controlled by reason or eloquence. Actuated by passion or prejudice, or motives of personal interest, it would listen only to private suggestions which were often remote from the merits of the case. For three months previous to the meeting of the Convention the new Constitution had been thoroughly discussed in newspapers and pamphlets, and the people of the State were fully committed, one way or the other, when their delegates were chosen to decide the matter in Convention. When it assembled it was obvious that, if the decision was to depend on the merits of the instrument, the friends of the Constitution were sure of success, but unfortunately the temper and personnel of the Convention made it manifest that other considerations than merit had prevailed in the choice of delegates, and that if their votes were finally to be won in favor of the Constitution other considerations than merit were to be urged in its behalf. In the entire number of the opposition, or of those whose opinions were doubtful, there were two men whose influence, if it could be obtained, might be sufficient to secure the number of votes requisite to determine the result. These men were Hancock and Adams. If this could be done, the chances were in favor of the Constitution, but without them argument and eloquence, which should justify and enforce the case in the public mind, would be unsuccessful. Beyond a doubt, it was decided in the caucus by those who were responsible for its conduct, that the only hope of the friends of the Constitution was to be found in some way by which Hancock and Adams should be induced to declare in its favor.

But to convert those men to the cause of the Constitution was no easy task. It was an undertaking that from its very nature required great skill and ability. It was idle to expect from them an honest conversion, by eloquence or argument, which should deal strictly with the merits of the case. They were not deficient in knowledge or intelligence. They must be won, if at all, by private suggestions and appeal to personal considerations, which it would not be convenient to publicly express. Who among the leading Federalists in the Convention was spe-

cially qualified for the service? Were Bowdoin or Dana or Ames or King or Strong or Sedgwick, able or distinguished as they were, the men to be charged with such a work? They felt and acknowledged its importance and necessity, and were willing to supply valuable aid, but it was not suited to their talents, nor congenial to their tastes. The opposition was in the majority, strong in numbers and impatient of delay. It was inaccessible to any argument or appeal that might come from a Federalist. It could only be defeated by an unexpected defection in its own ranks, which should cause dismay and confusion. This could be accomplished if the two men of great influence, who were naturally counted on their side, could be induced by some offer or suggestion to give their votes for the Constitution. Other things were not to be neglected, but the one thing that was essential was to conduct to a successful conclusion some scheme by which Adams and Hancock should be induced to come out for the Constitution and give it their moral support. This was finally done. Who did it? Who took the responsibility of this enterprise and carried it through? When we compare the qualities of the different leaders and consider the great powers and resources of Parsons, his adroitness and circumspection, his capacity for management, which had been proved by his great experience and success as a jury lawyer and as a counsellor, and the commanding position he had held before he was thirty years old, as the head of the Essex Junto, and the author of the "Essex Result," can there be any reasonable doubt that it was to him that we are chiefly indebted for the arts and arguments by which the Constitution was carried, and the Federalists were victorious? I think a careful study of the characters of the leaders will convince anyone that Parsons excelled his associates in the qualities which were needed to accomplish the work, and that he was, in fact, among the leaders *facile princeps*. This, I think, can be made reasonably clear not only by the evidence to be derived from a comparison of the distinctive qualities of the leading men of the Convention, but from the testimony of men whose means of information were such that they can speak with authority on this subject.

There can be no doubt that while the debate went on in

Convention, Parsons and his associate Federalists were busy in forming a set of amendments which should bridge the way for Hancock to pass over to their side, and in causing a meeting also of the mechanics of Boston, in caucus, to pass resolutions especially adapted to persuade Adams that his duty to his constituents required him to support the Constitution. And when the scheme was ripe and everything perfected, Hancock, who heretofore had not been seen in the Convention, appeared with pomp and circumstance and offered, as if they were his own production,—the fruit of his own study and reflection,—the resolutions which Parsons, according to his son's life of him, had prepared, and which the leading Federalists had deliberately in secret adopted. To give effect to the scheme, Parsons had that very morning made a motion that the Convention do assent to and ratify the Constitution. This was to separate Parsons and the Federalists from all suspicion of complicity with any scheme by which the opponents of the Constitution might be misled in their conduct, and to confirm the impression that Hancock was acting of his own motion in good faith for their interests.

What then took place is well described by Senator Dalton in a letter of the third of February, 1788. In this letter, he says that the Governor spoke of the fact that, during his confinement, he had informed himself by means of the Gazette and by inquiries, that differences of opinion had prevailed among the members, and that consequently he had contemplated a plan of conciliation, which he begged to lay before them for their consideration. "The propositions were then read. As soon as the Governor had read them and sat down, Mr. Adams arose and moved that they might be made the subject of debate, which being seconded was agreed to. They gave a shock to the *Antis* and caused an agreeable surprise in some of the *Feds*; however, they have not yet had the desired effect, but they are esteemed so important that on the motion of a half-converted *Anti*, at 2 o'clock yesterday, they were committed to a committee of two from each county, one from each side, to take up and report. Parsons and Hutchinson are for Essex * * * From the support of the

Governor, and the plausibility of his plan, we promise ourselves a large majority. Until this the balance of power was each day vibrating, as the mercury in a thermometer. Never! Never was a more ardent struggle! Learning, Merit, Dignities, Wealth and Honesty pitted against their opposites!

"Governor Hancock has hazarded his whole interests to the support of a Constitution, which, alone, must save his country. We must, whether successful or not, support his interest. Are you willing that we should pledge yours? Do not say, 'I will be damned first. He shall never have my vote.' Will you not if the Judge,¹ Parsons and myself pledge ourselves? You will!"

Earlier letters will show the State of feeling in the Convention and the difficulties with which Parsons had to contend.

In a letter of Gen. Henry Jackson to General Knox, of 25th Nov., 1787, the writer says:

"Your friend Rufus King is chosen one of the delegates to the Convention from the town of Newburyport, and the other three gentlemen of that town are high Federal men. Therefore, it looks well. I pray God that it may finally be adopted in this State. There is, and will be an opposition against it in this Commonwealth and your friend at Milton Hill" [this was the home of General Warren, Speaker of the House of Representatives] "with some others, is at the head of it."

Nathaniel Gorham, one of the strong friends of the Constitution and a leading delegate to the Convention, in a letter to General Knox of 4 Dec., 1787, says:

"Mr. Gerry's letter has done infinite mischief; however, I do not despair. The disposition of Boston, and indeed, of the whole seacoast is right; that, if the country is divided, will turn the scale."

In another letter to the General, of 16 December, 1787, he says:

"The prospect brightens here; there are one hundred good men chosen in this neighborhood, and a great number of towns choose to-morrow, among which are such a number of good ones, that I think we may count up fifty members of the right sort that, added to the few good ones from the three western counties, will, I think, secure the point."

¹ Greenleaf.

In another letter from Gorham to Knox, of 30 Oct., 1787, he had said :

"Things look pretty well, though there is an opposition preparing. Mr. A." [Samuel Adams, President of the Senate] "has not declared himself. General W." [James Warren, Speaker of the House] "is undoubtedly against it. I hear of none against it in Essex except Mr. Kilham. In Middlesex, the two Prescotts and James Winthrop are the only persons of note who are decided against it. Governor Hancock, Bowdoin and Parson Stillman will be of the Convention from Boston. The choice of the latter will no doubt be attended with good consequences in attaching the Baptists."

In an unpublished letter from Nathan Dane to General Knox — all these letters addressed to Knox are used by the courtesy of the Historic-Genealogical Society — dated Beverly, 27 Dec., 1787, he says :

"Ten days ago the friends of the Constitution thought that there was no chance for its adoption, but I believe that the opinion now is, that there is nearly an equal chance in its favor. The State appears to me to divide on this question, nearly as it has on all political questions for several years past, and thinking men in general seem impressed with the idea of the necessity of adopting it, or at least something like it. It will have substantial friends here, but not, I believe, a great many very zealous admirers. I doubt whether it has monarchy enough in it for some of our Massachusetts men, nor democracy enough for others."

He adds a postscript, dated 30 Dec.

"Since I arrived home yesterday, I find the elections, in the province of Maine and in the three western counties, have not been so favorable to the Constitution, as it was supposed."

In a letter from Nathaniel Gorham to General Knox, dated Sunday, 6 January, 1788, the writer says :

"The Boston delegates (excepting the Governor and Mr. Winthrop, who were both unwell) dined with Mr. Bowdoin (the ex-Governor) on Thursday last, at which meeting, as one of the company informed me, all were right excepting Mr. Adams who opened fully and positively in opposition, and declared that he would continue to do so in convention. Mr. Chambers Russell called on me last evening on his way to Lincoln; he says, that Clark, Rhodes and Freeman, three of the greatest leaders in the north end, informed that they intended that evening to have the most numerous caucus ever held in Boston to consider what was to be done in consequence of Mr. Adams' declaration. Nantucket, from their foolish religious whims, will not send help to the establishment of a government which has a right to raise armies either in peace or war. So five votes are lost when they will be needed enough, for from several untoward circumstances the

elections have gone wrong in several places that were considered as sure. The opposition of James Winthrop and Oliver Prescott of Groton has had a very bad effect in this county; Mr. Pitts, of Dunstable, being the only man above Concord, that can be depended on. It will be tight work, but I will not despair.

Say nothing discouraging and believe me,

Yours sincerely,
N. GORHAM."

This letter has never been published. I found it in a collection of General Knox's papers in Boston, now preserved by the New England Historic-Genealogical Society. I do not believe that Bancroft ever saw the letters which I now quote.

This letter was written on the 6th: the next day, the 7th of January, a caucus of the tradesmen and mechanics of the town was held at Masons' Hall, at the "Green Dragon," at which strong resolutions were passed unanimously in favor of the Constitution, and among other things it was resolved:

"That in the late election of delegates, it was our design to elect such men and such men only as will exert their ability to promote the adoption of the Constitution, and if any should oppose it, they will act contrary to the wishes of the tradesmen of Boston."

Before the caucus adjourned a committee of seven was appointed with authority to call any future meeting that might be necessary, and two of that committee were Clark and Rhodes whose names were mentioned in Gorham's letter. It is well known that the caucus took place at this time, and it has been already suspected that the conduct of Adams as a delegate was influenced by it; but Gorham's letter in connection with the terms of the resolution makes it clear that it was a scheme devised by the Federalists to capture Adams, and that notwithstanding his wariness and circumspection, he was caught in the trap. Edmund Quincy, in the life of his father, Josiah Quincy, gives this scrap of history taken from his father's diary, Sept. 25 (1825?):

"In evening with Lieut. Gov. Phillips: he told me this anecdote of the late Samuel Adams. At the time of the Convention in Massachusetts for the adoption of the Federal Constitution, Adams and Hancock were known originally to be opposed to it. Those in favor of

it had used various means to excite the people, and among others a meeting of the mechanics, and this was held at the Green Dragon, at which it was voted that we will have the Constitution. 'Well,' said Adams, 'if they will have it they must have it;' and from that time he voted in favor of it."

This is a remarkably accurate report of what really took place considering that the story was told to Quincy nearly forty years after the event. The caucus was held on the 7th of January, and Adams did not come out in favor of the Constitution till the very last of the month; just a week before the Convention dissolved. Professor Parsons, in the life of his father, Judge Parsons, says that Adams and Hancock, while non-committal, were looked upon as having a strong leaning against the Constitution.

Now, what finally induced them to support it? There is no doubt but that, in the judgment of the Federalists, and of Adams' contemporaries, the decisive fact was, in Adams' case the caucus of the mechanics and tradesmen of Boston, which Adams received as the spontaneous and disinterested expression of that class of his constituents whose interest and wishes always had great weight with him. It did not occur to him that it was a contrived plan. This explanation of his conduct implies no reflection on his honesty or intelligence. But, in Hancock's case, it is not easy to account for his action without suspecting motives which must seriously affect our judgment of his true character. Hancock had a strong dislike for the Federalists. His natural affinities were with their political opponents. He always spoke of the Federalists of this County who were active and influential as the "Essex Junto" by way of reproach, and between Hancock and Bowdoin for many years there was a sharp and bitter rivalry. Bancroft, in defending the conduct of Hancock in the Convention, says that at this time Bowdoin had retired from politics, but in this he is mistaken. Bowdoin did not retire until 1789, and his friends, who were the Federalists, were especially sore and aggrieved at his defeat in 1787, when Hancock, by conciliating the insurgents and their friends, was elected over him. The Federalists were warm friends of Bowdoin, and recipro-

cated fully the dislike which Hancock felt and expressed toward them. But while Hancock's sympathies were with those opposed to the Federal Constitution, he acknowledged, as did nearly all men of character and intelligence, — whatever their political faith — that the powers of the Confederation were inadequate and defective and that some amendments were needed to save the Country from the confusion which seriously threatened its prosperity if not its life. Before the Convention assembled, the merits and defects of the Constitution had been warmly and thoroughly discussed in all parts of the State, and parties were immediately formed to oppose or defend it, but the people divided on this question very much as they had formerly on other questions of public policy. On the one side, the friends of order and government, on the other side, the friends of liberty and popular rights.

The 12th of Jan., 1788, Major Winthrop Sargent of Boston writes to General Knox :

"DEAR HARRY : * * * That French and English War, and Dutch Interests, and everything else indeed are giving way to the important business of the Convention. I dined this day with some of the members, Federalists, and, though they have not settled their forms and ceremonies, yet they venture to hazard sentiments and express fears. Sam Adams is an Arch Devil on this occasion, and has made a motion that E. Gerry should have a seat in the Convention."

In a letter of Parsons of Monday eve, 14 Jan'y, 1788, to Michael Hodge he says :

"DEAR SIR : — I sit down to communicate thro' you to our friends the present appearances of the Convention. It is much crowded, and is by far the most numerous representation this State ever saw. The weight of abilities, property and probity, is decided in favor of, the Constitution, but I fear the balance of numbers is against it. Great numbers come determined, and upon them reason or argument will make no impression, but among the opposers there are men of integrity and candor who declare they come not decided, but are ready and desirous of being informed. The effect of argument upon these will determine the fate of the Constitution and I have therefore some faint hopes. The conduct of Connecticut will have some weight in our favor. You have, no doubt, heard that their Convention have adopted the Constitution 128 to 40. But I fear this event will have its effect chiefly upon a few wavering ones. To-day we agreed to consider the Constitution by paragraphs but to take no question but upon the whole.

"This mode was moved on outside and is the most favorable way

for us, as it will give us time to exert our influence, before the great question.

"The most favorable state of the parties I can now give you which must be a *secret* is as follows.—In Suffolk we have a majority of 31, in Essex 27, and in the old Colony of 20, in all 78. But against us are 43 in Worcester and 20 in Middlesex which leaves 15. We hope Berkshire and Hampshire are balanced, and we have then 15 to spare for the lower counties which I fear at present is not enough.

"King arrived to my great joy on Friday ev'g. You must see March and get Dr. Sawyer to see his brother. They must come down immediately, *at all events*. One of the Amesbury men is still absent. Let me know the situation of my family the moment there is any alteration in it. Be discreet to whom you show this letter. Yours Sincerely,
T. PARSONS."

Gorham to Knox, Jan'y 16, 1788 :

"We are hard at work, and the prospect not very good. Numbers are at present against us, and the Opposition Leaders say they are sure of the victory. They are your friend Thompson, White of Norton, Bishop of Rehoboth, Dr. Taylor of Worcester Co. and Wedgery of the Eastward,—if they succeed in opposition to such a phalanx of sensible men & good speakers as are in this Assembly it will be very extraordinary. We know all is at stake & work accordingly. Say nothing of what I write.

I believe some letters have been written from New York which have done damage."

General Jackson writes to General Knox 20 Jan., 1788 :

"Mr. S. Adams has not yet come out. If he is against it, I believe he will say but little, as the meeting of the mechanics of this town and their proceedings must and will have an influence over him."

In a letter from Jackson to Knox of 23 Jan., he says :

"The Federalists are gaining ground every day, so much so, that the Antis are much alarmed, and talk of an adjournment to influence the Country against the Constitution."

Rufus King writes to General Knox, 27 Jan., 1788 :

"Our hopes do not diminish although our own confidence is not complete. The opposition are less positive of their strength, and those few among them who are honest and capable of reflection appear uneasy concerning the fate of the question. Yesterday's Centinel contains a proposal for a conditional ratification said to have come from Sullivan. The Opposition give it some countenance. I mention the circumstance rather to show that our opponents are not so confident of their numbers, since hitherto they have reprobated the suggestion of amendments, and insisted among their party on a total rejection of the Constitution. From motives of policy we have not taken any question which has divided the House or shown the strength of sides. Hancock is still confined. He appears to me to wish well to the Constitution but doesn't care to risk anything in its favor."

The 30th Jan., 1788, Gorham writes to General Knox :

"Say nothing! Wisdom and patience were never more necessary than at the present time. Some of our people are so opposed that there seems to be no means of convincing them. The Governor got out and took his seat this day: we have almost got through the discussion on paragraphs; we cannot gain the question without some recommendatory amendments; with them I presume we shall have a small majority. They are preparing and will be ready to-morrow. We shall then present them, if a proper pause offers. We are now in caucus and King is with us."

In another letter of Dalton to Hodge of 30 Jan'y, 1788, we find the following :

"This day Governor Hancock attended as President in Convention, and, if he may be depended on, he will give countenance to the proposed Constitution, which will carry a large majority in favor of it." * * * "I will tell you, as a confidential communication, that Mr. S. Adams will come out in favor of the Constitution. This and the Governor on the same side will settle the matter favorably.—All this is scarcely known out of our caucus, wherein we work as hard as in Convention." * * * "Mr. Parsons is with us this evening, thoroughly well and ardently engaged. T. D.

"P. S. Our friend D's communication will give you all the information we are at liberty, at present, to put on paper. We have stolen a moment in caucus to write this. Yours. T. P."

Here is a letter from Dalton to S. Hooper :

"BOSTON, Jan'y 31, 1788.

Thursday Eve'g, 11 o'clock.

"DEAR BROTHER : — Just returned from caucus. I cannot avoid acquainting you, in addition to my advice last Eve'g, to our friend Hodge, that the Governor, this afternoon, came forward in full support of adopting the Constitution — and accompanied the proposed ratification with *recommendatory* amendments, which the old Patriot, Mr. S. Adams, seconded warmly — this plan, the Feds hope, will cause a party to leave the Antis. We are not idle by Night or Day — and sacrifice everything but moral Honesty to carry our point.

"The grand Question is now before us, and will probably be decided on Saturday — if not then, Tuesday will be the important day. I tremble at the approach, and dread the feelings I shall have when the Names and Answers are called and marked! Yea — Yea, Nay — Nay — says the Scripture! Heaven will determine in our favor, unless we deserve Ruin.

Adieu : Love, Compliments, &c., &c.,

T. DALTON."

This letter from Rufus King to General Knox is copied from Drake's Memorials of the Cincinnati :

Boston 3d. Feb. 1788.

"Dear Genl. : — Hancock has committed himself in our favor and will not desert the cause. Saturday's Centinel will give you an idea of his plan. The Federalists are united in that system; and as Adams has joined us in this plan we are encouraged to think our success probable.

"Gerry keeps close at Cambridge, and his adherents have made no motion for his recall. Mr. Hancock's propositions were committed to a Committee of two members from each County; they meet to-day and we hope favorably from their deliberations, a majority being Federalists.

"The final question will be taken in five or six days. You will be astonished when you see the list of names, that such a union of men has taken place on this question. Hancock will hereafter receive the support of Bowdoin's friends *and we tell him that if Virginia does not unite, which is problematical, that he is considered as the only fair candidate for President.*"

Jackson writes to General Knox, 3 Feb'y, 1788 :

"The whole race of the Antis are a set of poor devils, without one farthing in their pockets, and it is impossible for them to leave the town unless they receive their pay. Some of them have been to the Treasurer; he informs them he has not a dollar in the public chest, nor does he know where to borrow one. We [the Feds.] have calculated that if the Constitution is adopted there will be no difficulty about pay; if not, they must look to the Treasurer for it."

Feb. 6, 1788, he writes to General Knox as follows :

"DEAR HARRY: Hurra! Hurra! the great question was put this afternoon at 5 o'clock, by yeas and nays, and it was determined in favor of the Constitution, by a majority of 19.

"I attended in the Gallery from 9 A. M. till 5½ P. M. and ate my dinner on bread and cheese, which I got a boy to bring in from a shop. The Gallery remained full the whole time of the adjournment from 1 to 3 P. M., such was the anxiety in the minds of the people on this important business. Great credit is due to Gov. Hancock, Bowdoin, King, Parsons, Dalton, Sedgwick, Dana, Cushing, Gorham, S. Adams, C. Jarvis, J. C. Jones and others."¹

The extracts here given from letters written at the time by persons of intelligence and with superior opportunities for observation will serve to give a vivid idea of the spirit and circumstances of the age when the question of the Constitution was decided.

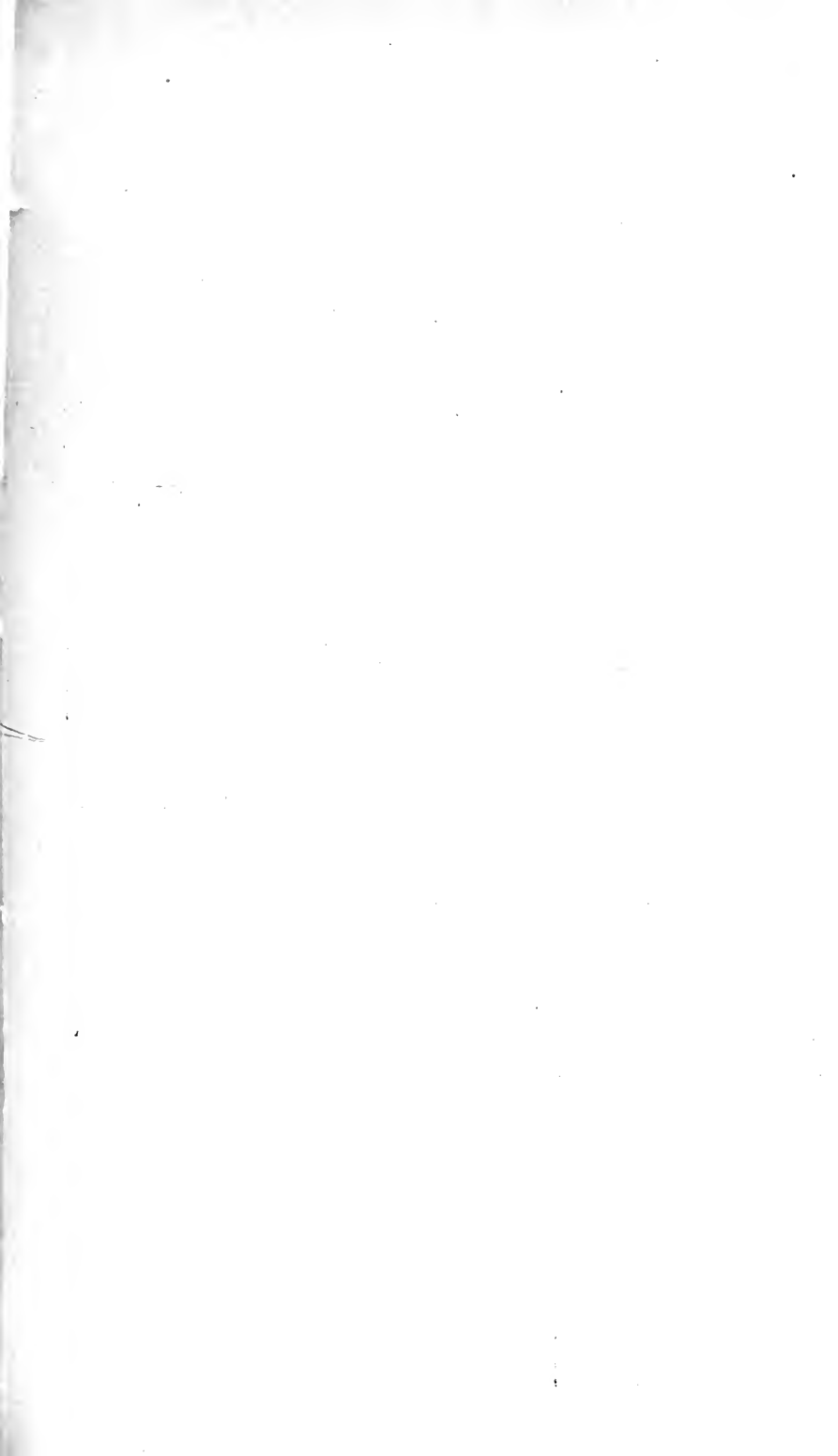
¹ See, for a concise account of these proceedings, with contemporary letters from Washington, Madison, Knox and others, the life of Chief-Justice Parsons by his son, Theophilus Parsons, LL.D., pp. 57-86. Also, for other letters bearing on the subject, see Historical Collections of the Essex Institute, Vol. xxv, pp. 17-21. Life of Josiah Quincy, by Edmund Quincy, p. 416.

Also, Debates and Proceedings of the Massachusetts Convention of 1788 (edition of 1856), pp. 399-412. Drake's Memorials of the Cincinnati, pp. 180-182.

When the final vote was taken and every vote that could possibly be counted in its favor had been secured, the Constitution was adopted by a vote of 187 out of a total of 355, showing that notwithstanding the extraordinary efforts of its friends and the aid of Hancock and Adams, who by the judicious use of political expedients, had been brought over to their side, the cause was carried by only a small majority.

The merits of the case were ably and clearly presented in the Convention but the debates were rather dull and uninteresting. Nearly all the talent and intelligence of the Convention were on the side of the Constitution, and its friends were somewhat in the predicament of intellectual champions, at the mercy of men, their inferiors in everything but numbers, and without sufficient ability to bring out to advantage the high qualities in which their opponents excelled.

In this respect the Massachusetts Convention presented a great contrast to the Constitutional Convention of Virginia, and to many of the other State Conventions that assembled to pass upon the question of the Federal Constitution. In Virginia, while the people at large were two to one against the Constitution, the wealth and talent and education of the State were strongly represented on both sides of the question, and so the debates that took place on the different subjects, as they arose, were full of life and interest. But in Massachusetts, so one sided was the Convention in respect to everything but numbers that there was not a single representative of the popular feeling in that assembly competent to give full voice and effect to it. There was no man in the opposition to test to the utmost the eloquence and powers of debate of such men as King and Ames and Dana and Parsons. It was a case for strategy, and not for eloquence. How to control and conciliate Hancock and Adams and so convert a large minority into a small majority was the question, a work which offered little opportunity for the eloquence of Ames or King, but was specially adapted to the genius of Parsons, whose *forte* was skill and ability in management. Judge White, formerly judge of Probate in this County,





Theop Parsons

From a miniature painted from life by Malbone, in 1796.

and an eminent scholar with large knowledge of public affairs, and a personal friend of Parsons, said of him, in a letter, written in 1858, that in the Convention of 1788 he was conspicuous among the most eminent members, and as efficient as he was conspicuous; that he had no doubt that he was the master-spirit in the adoption of the Constitution.

Isaac Parker, who succeeded Parsons as Chief Justice of this State, was a constant spectator of the doings of the Convention. He said that he heard the arguments of all the eminent men of that assembly, but that Parsons appeared to him to be its master-spirit. "Upon all sudden emergencies, and upon plausible and unexpected objections, he was the sentinel to guard the patriot camp, and to prevent confusion from unexpected assault." He was then less than forty years old, but so mature in wisdom that he was superior to any man in that Convention, unless Sam. Adams be excepted, in his capacity to work out political ends by political methods, which the exigencies of government sometimes demand and justify.

In matters of science and scholarship he was the peer of the most distinguished of his contemporaries, and in matters of trade and business relating to the ordinary affairs of life, so familiar did he seem with the special knowledge of the mechanic or the tradesman that, in talking with them, he was often taken for one of their number. His mind was insatiable of knowledge in all its forms. His intellectual powers were of a very high order. He excelled in that quality which is called worldly wisdom, notwithstanding his great attainments in science and scholarship.

Easily the first in his profession as an accomplished jurist and great judge, he dealt with the most difficult problems in science and mathematics, as a pastime.

Great attainments are not infrequently found in commonplace men. Industry with moderate talents, under the spur of an untiring ambition, will sometimes give a man position and distinction, but will seldom deceive the clear observer, who can easily distinguish between acquired powers and genuine natural superiority. It is a common

remark by men of intelligence and observation, that they are generally disappointed when brought into close contact with those who have achieved reputation in the different walks of life. Familiarity breaks the spell. The prestige which comes with long continued success is dispelled by the view behind the scenes. But it is characteristic of true greatness that it is equal to all tests, and gains in value the more severely it is tried.

Parsons was, in no respect, indebted for his influence to the prestige which attends previous successes. He stood on his merits, and his genuine superiority. He was destitute of those qualities of deportment which attract and influence the majority of mankind. He was careless in his dress, and was deficient in that reserve and dignity which are so important and agreeable in a public man. He was always on very familiar terms with the common people, and enjoyed joking with them on matters of common interest with a freedom and cordiality which won their good will and sympathy. In my boyhood, stories were current here illustrating this phase of his character, and showing how congenial to his taste was an encounter in the street with a market woman or dealer in small truck, who, drawn into conversation by him, would bandy words with the future Chief Justice, with wit and spirit. And this man, so free and easy with the common people in all their walks of life, that he could understand all their ways and that they felt as if they understood him, was a great student, and master of all that was to be known in the realms of science and jurisprudence. He was familiarly called in his profession "the giant of the law," and in science and mathematics was on an equality with the leaders of his time. I have said that Parsons' appetite for knowledge to be derived from books was insatiable; he read and appropriated everything that he could find. But his great distinction consisted in this, that to his knowledge of the books, which was almost supreme, he added that knowledge of the world, and of human nature, which implies great sagacity, and a wide experience in affairs. This explains his great power, as a lawyer, with the jurors as well as with the Courts. He was a master of men, and

knew how to deal with them when occasion required. He was eminently a wise man, as well as a learned one.

Parsons died in 1813, at the age of sixty-three, in the full possession of his powers, and at the zenith of his reputation. While regarded by all his contemporaries as a great man, it was as a lawyer that he was especially distinguished, and, before his promotion to the bench as Chief Justice of Massachusetts, he was often spoken of as the "great lawyer." Politics was an episode with him, and not an occupation. His life was devoted to his profession, and yet such was the extraordinary value of his political services in the critical times which immediately followed the war of Independence that it has been said by one, a competent judge, who knew him well, "that his early patriotic services were of more importance to his country, than all his juridical labors, great as they unquestionably were."

He was often suspected by those who knew his powers, but did not enjoy his confidence, of being the author of measures which originated with other men, and for which he was in no sense responsible, except so far as they may have met with his approval. He was, however, a bold politician and a man of singular sagacity and self-reliance. His friends sometimes doubted for the moment his prudence, and were apprehensive that, in the given case, he was wrong, but the end generally justified his judgment, and, in the course of events, they were led to adopt his opinion and to acknowledge his superior foresight and intelligence.

But with all his qualifications for high public service, as a statesman, public life was not congenial to his taste. He cared nothing for popularity and was impatient of the arts and expedients by which popularity is often achieved. His tastes were domestic and the display and magnificence of power had no charm for him. It must be remembered, however, that in his day the general government of the United States had no prizes to offer that would tempt a young man of talents from the service of his own State, and to be Chief Justice of Massachusetts was, in his time, a higher honor than to be a United States Senator.

For a man of his remarkable powers, he was very free from vanity or ambition or self-display, and yet he liked attention and recognition, and was not superior to the use, upon occasion, of some innocent expedient by which the general impression of his wonderful talents should be extended and increased.

He is now forgotten except by the few who have some curiosity about the past; for, unlike Hancock and Adams, he is not so identified with political events as to make it the object of some especial admirers to magnify and misrepresent his party services, but it was conceded by his contemporaries that he was not only preëminent, but singularly so.

Judge Story said of him that he belonged not to a generation, but to a century. And, in studying his character, we can sympathize with the remark of Judge White, that since his death, he had often thought of what Burke had said upon the death of Johnson, — "Johnson is dead, and there is nothing left to remind you of him, or that has a tendency to remind you of him."

It would be interesting to show why it was that the character of the Virginia Convention differed so radically from that of Massachusetts, but it is enough at this time to refer briefly to the political condition of these States at the time the question of the Federal Constitution came before the people for their consideration.

During the revolutionary war the restraints of law and order in this State, where the hardships of the war were severely felt, were of little force, and the evils of lawlessness and insubordination were generally felt and acknowledged. Many, who had been reduced to a condition of extreme poverty, denied the authority of the law, and, refusing to pay their debts, resorted to open rebellion and stay-laws and other expedients, utterly inconsistent with the necessary conditions of order, and good government. This state of things produced a sharp division, arraying on one side, the people whose sympathy with popular rights carried them, in some cases, to a point beyond the limits of law, and on the other, the conservative and law-abiding, with the wealth and intelligence of

the State whose fortunes were identified with established institutions.

The excesses produced by the spirit of liberty which naturally followed the conclusion of the war of independence, caused a reaction which led to a complete separation between the conservative and law-abiding men on the one side, and the radical and lawless on the other. But in Virginia the case was different. It was an agricultural State, and its political system was aristocratic. The evils and dangers which Massachusetts had experienced from the abuses of democratic principles were there comparatively unknown, and the doctrine of State Rights, as opposed to the powers of the general government were favored rather than hindered by the operation of local causes. The policy of the Congress of the Confederation, which was controlled by the Northern States, had been, in some respects, especially in regard to the navigation of the Mississippi river, adverse to the interests of Virginia, and in the judgment of many of its public men, the advantages of Union would be more than offset by the loss of dignity and power which the State would experience. In Massachusetts the fate of the Constitution was doubtful, not because of a division of opinion on its merits, on the part of its leading men, but because of a strong popular majority against it, which, at the time, was ill-disposed to listen to the advice of intelligence or statesmanship.

The character of the two conventions faithfully reflected the political condition of their respective states. In Massachusetts the disgraceful events of a public nature, which had taken place, were especially unfavorable to the doctrine of State Rights and democratic ideas, and the thinking men were forced into the ranks of law and order. In Virginia, the action of the Confederate Congress, and the course of domestic affairs were favorable to the advocacy of State Rights, and the friends of the Union and the Constitution were combated on the floor of the Convention by men of great eloquence and patriotism, and of ability and statesmanship only not equal to their own.

For fire and eloquence and patriotism, Henry and

Mason and Grayson had not their superiors in their State, and in respect to those qualities which should distinguish public men, they were worthy of rank with Madison and Marshall and Pendleton, who represented the other side of the question.

While the debate was pending in Virginia it was an open question whether or not the requisite number of nine States could be obtained. As it turned, however, New Hampshire had the honor of being the ninth State in its favor, casting an affirmative vote a few days before Virginia made its decision. This fact, however, so slow were the means of communication between the States, was unknown for some time, in Virginia, and the friends of the Constitution in that State pressed their case, as if union or disunion depended on the result of their efforts. But in this they were mistaken; the Union was already safe without them.

It is natural to speculate upon what would have taken place, if Virginia had rejected the Constitution. One thing is certain. It would have made Washington ineligible as President, and by exciting the rivalries of our public men, ambitious for the prize, would have seriously increased the difficulties already in the way of a harmonious Union. The tradition that Hancock, whose weakness was excessive vanity, was induced to believe that if Virginia should reject the Constitution, which at the time of the Massachusetts Convention was probable, the chances of his being the successful candidate for the Presidency were in his favor, seems to have evidence to support it. This could not have happened, however, without a contest which would have caused serious trouble and embarrassment. It was well for the country that Virginia stood by the Union. It settled the question of who should be the first President, and prevented a contention, which would have led to disastrous results.¹

¹ This paper did not enjoy the final revision of the author. It was written in 1890-91, read at Newburyport to a literary Club, and left substantially as printed.

EARLY RECORDS OF ROWLEY, MASS.

(Continued from Vol. XXXIV, p. 116.)

BY GEORGE B. BLODGETTE.

A Record of persons Baptized in y^e church at Rowley
[Recorded by the Rev^d. Samuel Phillips second minister]

	Time	
Anthony Aufin his son Richard	Decemb: 3.	Thomas Jewet. f. of
John Symons's daughter Elizabeth	1665 ¹	Sarah Brocklebank. d. of
John Tod, his son Thomas	Dec: 10. 1665	Ezekiel Northerne. f. of
Sarah Tenny. Daughter of { John	Janury: 8. 1666	Samuel Wood. f. of
Elizabeth Hidden.		Dorcas Phillips. d. of
Daughter of { Andrew	March. 25. 1666	Mary Symmonds d of
{ Sarah		Efther Hopkinton d. of
Jane Pickard. Daughter of { John	April 22. 1666	[One name gone]
{ Jane		John Trumble. ² f. of
Sarah Pearson Daughter of John	June (3) 1666	Nathaniel Croby ² f. of
Samuel Hones f. of { Richard		Edna Hafun. d of
{ Alice		
Mary Borebanke d: of { John	June. 24. 1666	
{ Thomas		
Mary Remington. d. of { Mehitabel	Aug. 29. 1666	

¹ If any record of Baptisms was made from 1639 to 1665 it has been lost.

Ezekiel	Octo: 28. 1666
ffayth	
Samuel	
Hannah	
Ezekiel	Novem: 4. 1666
Ednah	
Thomas	
Mary	Decem: 30. 1666
Samuel	
Sarah	January. 6. 1666
John	
Elizabeth	April 7. 1667
Jonathan	
Esther	April. 14 1667.
[One name gone]	
John	
Deborah	May 12. 1667
Antony	
Prudence	June. 23. 1667
Edward	
Hannah	June. 23. 1667

² Dead.

Aquila Law f. of	{ William ffayth }	{ July. 28. 1667 }	Sarah Brocklebank d. of	{ Sapiuel Hannah }	{ July 12 1668 }
Samuel Shepard f. of	{ Samuel Dorothy }	{ Aug: 25. 1667 }	Timothy Homes	_____	July 26 1668
Mary Dreffier. d of	{ John Mary }	{ Sept. 1. 1667 }	Ann Hidden	_____	July 26 1668
Nathaniel West f. of	{ Twiford }	{ Oct. 13. 1667 }	of { abraham } Jewitt { Deborah An An }	{ John An }	Aug 9. 1668
Sarah Stickney d. of	{ Samuel Julian }	{ Nov: 10. 1667 }	of { Jonathan } Platts { Jonathan Elizabeth Jonas Elizabeth }	{ John Jonas Elizabeth }	Aug 9 1668
Jonathan Barker f. of	{ Barzilai Anna }	{ Nov: 10. 1667 }	Br Tod his son Timothy	_____	Aug: 23 1668
Jonathan Nelfon. f. of	{ Thomas Anne }	{ Nov: 24. 1667 }	of { Ezekiel } Jewit his son Ezekiel }	{ Jewit his son Ezekiel }	Septemb: 6. 1668
Anthony Aufin f. of	{ Anthony }	{ January. 19. 1667 }	Br John Watfon daughter Hannah	_____	Decemb 27 (68)
Mary Phillips. d. of	{ Samuel Sarah }	{ Febr: 22. 1667 }	Goodm Simmons daughter Jane	_____	March 21 69
Thomas Longhorn f. of	{ Richard Mary }	{ March. 29. 1667 }	Mehitabel Remington { T Adn 22 a married woman }	{ T Adn 22 16. }	April 4 1669
Mary Weicom d of	{ Daniel Mary }	{ April 19 1668 }	And her child Sarah	_____	April 4 1669
Mary Hopkinfon d of	{ Jonathan Ester }	{ May 10 1668 }	Tobiah Coleman his son Jabez	_____	April 25 1669
Mary Barker d of	{ James Mary }	{ May 31. 1668 }	of { Abraham } Jewitt { William An An }	{ William Jewitt }	May 30. 1669
			Goodm. Dickefons daughter Mercy	_____	June 20 1669
			Solomon Wood	_____	June 27 1669
			M ^{rs} Crofby her child Nathaniel	_____	July 18 1669
			Br Hafen Richard	_____	Septemb 12 69
			Sister Hopkinfon Mary	_____	

Ezekiel Jewitt his son Ezekiel	Octob 31 69	Br Johnson son Samuel	Aug 13 1671
Ezekiel Northen his daght Mary	Novemb 25 69	Abraham Jewet daughter Mary	Aug 20 1671
Barzillai Barker Ebenezer	Decemb 26 69	John Drefser Jun ^r daugh Martha	Aug 27 1671
M ^r Tho: Nelson daughter Elizabeth	feb 27 69	Anthony Austin son John	Octob 29. 1671
Moses Bradfreet his son Umphrey	feb 27 69	John Watson son John	{ Novemb 19. 1671
Br Pickard daught Hannah	1670	William Foster son Timmothy	
Joseph Bointon his s. Joseph	May 22 1670	Samuel Drefser d. Elizabeth	{ Decemb 10 1671
John Jackfon his son John	June 19 1670	Samuel Peirson d. Mercy	
Jonathan Platts his son James	July 31 1670		1671
Br Tod hi son Samuel	July 31 : 70	Br Hafen d. Hephzibah	Decemb 24 71
Tobiah Coleman daughter Sarah	{ Sept: 4 1670	Br Wood Ebenezer son	{ Decemb 31 (71
Goodm Wheeler { son Joseph		Sister Hidden son Joseph	
daught Mary	Sept 11. 1670	Barzillai Barker d. Hannah	Jan 7: 1671
Goodm Bayly Junior his son John	Octob. 23 (70	Moses Bradfrees son Nathaniel	Jan 14 1671
Andrew Hidden his son Andrew	Octob 30 1670	M ^r Nelson daughter Elizabeth	Jan 28 71
Samuel Phillips his son John	Novemb 20 (70	Goody Henning s. } Shubael	{ feb 4 1671
Samuel Drefser daughter Mary		James Barker d. } Sarah	
Mr Nelson Jerimiah		Br Tod his son James	{ feb 11 71
John Jewitt Abigail } all baptized	Novemb 27 1670	Br Woodin daugh Dorcas	
Joseph Trumble John		Br Ezeck Jewitt s. Maximi	feb 18 71
Nathaniel Harrice his son Nathaniel	Jan 15 1670	Joseph Bointon his d. Sarah	feb 25 71
Decon Brotlibank daughter Jane	feb 5 1670	Jonathan Hopkiufon son Jerimiah	1672
Thomas Lambert daughter Mary	feb 12 70		April 7
Timothy Palmer daughter Elizabeth	April 30 71	John Peirson daughter Sarah	{ April 28.
Goodm Borebank junr son Caleb	May 7: 1671	Goodm Butwell daught Sarah	
Jachen Reynre = Edward	{ July 2 1671	Goodm Coleman son Thomas	
John Trumbl = Deborah			

Br Abraham Hasletine d: Mary	May 5	Samuel Drefser son Samuel	Aug 31 1673	
Joseph Bayly daugh. Abigail	} May 12	Mr Neh Jewitt daught: Mary	} Septemb 7 1673	
Nathanial Barker d. Elizabeth		Goodman Elethrop dugh. Margeret		
James Dickefon son John	June 2.	Br Hafen Daughter Sarah	Septemb 21 73	
Daniel Weicom son Thomas	July 14	Br Ezeck Jewitt daugh: Ann	Octob. 5, 1673	
Sister Horfleek daugh Elizabeth	July 21	Mofes Bradtreet daught Hannah	} Novemb 9 1673	
Br Remington son Samuel	July 28	Tho Leaver daughter Sarah		
John Simmonson daught Sarah	Aug. 4	John Hopkinfon son John	Nov. 16 1673	
this day sister Harrice buried				
Goodm: Foster son Ebenezer	Aug 18.	Jer { Joseph { sons { daughter Sarah Thomas Eleaser	} Novemb 23 1673	
Samuel Palmer daught Mary	} Sept. 29.			Jer: Jewitt his {
Samuel Hasletine d Deborah				
Mr Thomas Nelson son Gershome	} Octob. 6	Goodm Fosters daught Hannah	Nov 23 73	
John Jewitt son John		Goodm Lyons Junior daugh Sarah	Feb 8 1673	
Nathanial Harrie daugh Bridget	Jan 12 72	Goodm Weicom John daugh Ann	April 5. 1674	
Abel Platts son Moses	March 2 1673	John Trumbl daught Mary	April 5 74	
John Bayly daught Ann	March 30 73	Saml Palmer d. Mary	May — 74	
Joseph Chaplin son Joseph	April 13 73	Goodm Hasletine John's son: a daugh.	} June 14 1674	
Caleb Borebank son John	April 27 73	Elizabeth		
Mr Philip Nelson daught. Sarah	} June 8 73	John Bill his d Ann	June 21 74	
Joseph Trumbl daught Hannah		Br Wood his son James	} June 28 74	
Thomas Lambert daught Rebeckah	June 15, 1673	John Drefser son Jonathan		
Jonathan Platts son Isaack	June 22 1673	Nathaniel Barker son Nathan	Aug 23 74	
Joseph Bointon daught Ann	} Aug: 24 1673	Br Bufwel son Joseph	} Octob. 25 74	
Caleb Bointon son William		Br Hasletine son Robert		
Goodman Hidden son Samuel				

Joseph Chaplin son John	Nov 1 74	Goodman Chapman Dorothy	Octob 10
Mr Nelson son Jeremiah	{ Novemb 15 74	Caleb Bointon Hannah	{ Octob 17
James Juit' daughter Mary		Caleb Borebank d. Mary	
Captain Brotlebank son Joseph	Novemb 29 74	Abraham Foster d Melitable	Octob 24
John Peirson Junior son John	Decemb : 6 74	Br Birkby daughter Mary	Novemb : 7
	1675	Joseph Bointon son Richard	Novemb : 28
Br Woodin son Peter	March 14	Joseph Bayly son Richard	{ Decemb 11
Jer Jewitt daught Mary	{ March 21	Ezeck Jewit daught Sarah	
Tim Palmer son Timothy		Br Langly daugh. Sarah	January 2
John Sawyer son Edward	March 28	Samuel Lions son Samuel	January 9
Joseph Trumble d : Mary	{ Aprill. 4	Mr Jer : Shepard d. Hannah	{ feeb. 6
John Bayly s. Nathaniel		Samuel Prime son Samuel	
Sam : Stickney s. William	{ June. 13.	James Dickeson d. Mary	{ feeb 20
Daniel Weicom d. Francis		Matthew Harriman d. Elizabeth	
Able Platts son Abel	{ July 4	Mr Tho Nelson d. Frances	{ feeb 27
Abraham Jewitt son Abraham		Tho : Pearly	
Thomas Ally son Samuel	July 18	{ s Thomas d Liddeah s Jacob	
Mayth Swans son Richard	Aug 1	Br Tho Lambert son Nathan	March 5
Nathaniel Harrice d Elizabeth	Aug 22	Samuel Drefser son John	{ Aprill 9
Mofes Bradstreet son Samuel	{ Septemb 5	Caleb Bointon son John	
[name torn off]		Septemb 12	Good. Herden son Ebenezer
Nehemiah Jewitt son Thomas		Jonathan Platts daugh Hanah	May 14
John Clark daughter Sarah		Jonathan Hopkinson son Jonathan	May 21
		John Welcom daugh : Abigail	

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John Drefser daught Jane	June 4	Benjamin Scott daugh Sarah	Septemb 9
Samuel Hafetine of Bradford s.	} July 9	Samuel Spafford son Samuel	Septemb 16
Samuel		Br John Bayly son Thomas	Octob 21
Br John Trumble his son Judah	August 6.	Br Brown grandchild daught Sarah	} Novemb. 4
Coufin Mr Richard Dumer son John	August 20:	John Peirson son Joseph	
Mathew Harriman son Mathew	Septemb: 24	Caleb Bointon daught Margeret	
Sifter Wheeler her son David	Octob 1	John Acye daught Mary	
Br Foster his son Samuel	Octob 29	Mr Philip Nelton daught Martha	December 2
Moses Bradfreet daught Bridgett	Decemb 3	John Weicom son John	Decemb 9
Barzillai Barker son Ezra	December 31	John Clark son Richard	
Nathaniel Barker son Jacob	January 21	William Foster son Caleb	Decemb 23
John Sawyer daught Mary	January 28	Mr Shepard son Jeremiah	January 20
John Hopkinfon daught Dorcas	febr: 25	Jonathan Hopkinfon daugh Ann	feeb 24
	1677		1678
Joseph Chaplin son Jonathan	Aprill 15	Caleb Borebank son Timothy	March 10
Br Langly son Abl	} Aprill 29	Daniel Weicom d. Rebecah	March 31
Samuel palmer daught Martha		Br Ezekiel Jewitt d: Elizabeth	Aprill 7
Samuel Peirson daught Elizabeth	May 13	Br Tho: Lambert son Thomas	} Aprill 14
Mr Neh Jewitt daugh Joanna	} June 3	B Tho: Pearly daugh Hephzibah	
Samuel Stickney son Thomas		John Drefser daught Sarah	
John Bointon son Iccabod	} July 8	Joseph Bointon son John	
Br Bofwell daught Mary		Samuel Prime daught. Sarah	May. 12
Nathaniel Harric S. John	} July 15	Samuel Drefser son Thomas	June. 16
Goodm: Allin son Stilsan		John Spafford his son John	June. 30
Tho: Leaver junior daught Damaris	August 5	Mr Richard Dumer jun' his son Richard	July 28
Br Coleby daught Dorothy	Septemb. 2	Jachin Rayner daugh Hannah	July 28

Mathew Harrimon daughter Hannah	August 4	1680	Samuel Drefser son Joseph	March 21
John Sawyer son Ezeckiel	August 11		Caleb Borebank daughter Martha	March 28
James Dickinson son James	August 18		Samuel Stickney son Jonathan	April 11
John Bointon daughter Jane			Br John Bayly son James	April 18
Samuel Smith daught Mary	Octob 6		Br Thom Lamber daugh. Rebeckah	April 25
Tho: Alley daughter Sarah			James Scales son James	
Goodm Palmer son John	Decemb. 15		John Peirfon junior daugh. Dorcas	May 2
John Hopkinson son Jeremiah	Decemb 29		Goodman Kimbal at Village-d: Elizab. May 9.	May 9.
Able Platts daughter Hannah	feb. 23		Daniel Welcom daughter Martha	May 30
			Abraham Jewit daughter Priscilla	June 6
			young Goodm Plumer Benjamin Son	
			John	June 13
Br Caleb Bointon daught. Ann	March 9		Goodm Wood of ye Village son John	June 20
Joseph Jewitt son Jonathan	March 16		Sister Efman of Salisbury son	
Barzillai Barker daught. Esther	March		Zachery	
Nathaniel Elethorp daugh Abigail	[torn off]		John Spafford daughter Mary	June 27
John Drefser son Richard	June 29		Goodm. ffofter daughter Ruth	July 18
Jofnuah Bointon son Jofnuah	July 6		Cousin Dummer son Richard	July 25
Br Nathaniel Barker daugh Mary	July 13		Joseph Chaplin son Jeremiah	August 1
Nathaniel Harrice daughter Hannah	July 27		John Sawyer daugh Elizabeth	August 15
Good Hardy deacon young son in law			Mr Philip Nelson daught. Ruth	August 29
a son Samuel	Sept 7		Br Coleby son Isaack	Sept: 12
Mr Neh. Jewett son Nathan	Octob 26		Goodm Allin. Salif- } son William	Novemb 7
John Clark son John	Novemb: 30		bury } daughter Ann	
Mofes Bradfirect son Aaron	January 18		John Hobfon son John	Novemb 14
John Welcom daugh: Mary				
Br Joseph Bointon s. Jonathan	feb 29			

Joseph Kilborn daughter Ann	November 28	John Senter daugh Elizabeth	
Mr Tho Hammond daughter Hannah	January 30	Thom. Tenny Junior daughter	November 13
	1681	Margeret	
James Scals daughter Sarah	March 6	B ^r Nathaniel Barker daughter Johanna	November 20
Samuel Prime son Mark		B ^r Caleb Bointon daughter Hephziba	December 4
Mr Neh : Jewitt daughter Mercy	March 13	B ^r James Barker son Nathaniel	December 11
Ephraim Dorman daught Hannah	March 20	B ^r Tho : Lambert son Nathan	
Benjamin Scott son John	March 27	John Wood daughter Hannah	January 22
Ezeckiel Jewitt son Nathaniel		Jachin Reynier son Jachin	
John Decker daughter Elizabeth	April 3	Caleb Bointon daughter Ruth	January 29
Benjamin Peirfon daught Hannah		John Clark son Judah	Feb 12
James Dickinon son Samuel	April 17	Sam : Drefser daughter Hannah	Feb 19
Joseph Scott daughter Johannah	May 1	Able Platts son Samuel	1682
Nathaniel Harric daugh Sarah		B ^r Joseph Bointon son Bennoni	March 12
young Goodm Wallingford son	May 22	Tho Lever Junior daughter Mary	March 26
Nicholas		Mr Tho : Nelson son Ephraim	April 2
B ^r Langly son John	July 10	John Spafford son David	
Daniel Tenny son Thomas	July 17	Thom : Palmer capt son-in law : son	
James Bailly son James	July 31	Sam :	April 9
John Stickney Daughter Hannah	Aug 21	Caleb Borebank son Eliezar	
John Drefser son Nathaniel	Aug : 28	Caleb Hopkinon son Caleb	April 23
Joseph Scott Taylor daught Sarah	Sept 11	Benjamin Plumer son Benjamin	
James Canady son James	Sept 25	Moses Bradtreet son Samuel	May 14
Stephen Mighel son-in-law daught		William Hoster son Joseph	May 21
Sarah	Octob 23	Cousin Mr Richard Dumer daugh.	
Barzillai Barker daught : Ruth	November 6	Elizabeth	July 23

Mr Simon Wainwright d Sarah	July 30	John Hopkinson daught Elizabeth	August 12
Benjamin Peirfon daught Phoebe	Sept. 3	Joseph Jewitt son Jofnuah	August 26
Br John Sawyer son John	} Septemb 10	Tho : Tenny Junior daughter Ann	Septemb 2
Sister Kimbal Hannah		Abraham Jewitt daughter Elizabeth	Octob 7
Joseph Chaplin daught Elizabeth	} Septemb. 24	Jofnuah Bointon son John	Octob : 28
Samuel Spafford daught Sarah		Samuel Kilborn daught Hannah	Novemb 18
Caleb Jackson daught Elizabeth	Octob 8	} Goodm Dorman { son Seth	} Decemb 9
Benjamin Scot son Joseph	Octob 15		
Goodm Decker son John	} Octob 29	Samuel Dreffer son Thomas	} feeb 10
Good : Center son John		John Clark daugh Mary	
Samuel Brottlebanck son Samuel	} Novemb 12	John Wood son John	} feeb 17
Good Smith daught Hannah			
Jonathan Jackson son Jonathan			1684
James Bayly daught Elizabeth Mr		James Dickenfon son George	} March 9
paifon first he baptized	Novemb : 26	Joseph Kilborn son Joseph	
Mr Philip Nelson son Joseph	Decemb 3	Nathaniel Harrice d : Jane	March 16
Jer : Peirfon d. Prifilla	Decemb. 10	Br Nathaniel Barker d Mercy	March 23
John Weicom daugh Mehitabel	Decemb 17	young Goodm Plumer son Tho :	May 25
John Bayly daught Mary	feeb 4	Br John Pickard son John	June 1
Br Ezekiel Jewitt son Stephen	feeb 25	Dr Canada son John	June 8
James Scales son William	April 1 1683	John Stickney daught Elizabeth	June 15
Mr Neh : Jewit son Nehemiah	April 15	Br S. Platts senior daught Mary	} June 29
Br Coleby s. Abraham	} April 29	Br Sawyer daught Hannah	
Sister Eftman son Rob :		John Spafford son Jonathan	July 6
Br Trumble daught Deborah	June 10	Br John Dreffer daught Liddiah	} July 20
Samuel Prime daught Ann	July 1	Son Mighell son Nathan ^l	
		Caleb Borebank son Samuel	Aug. 7

B ^r Joseph Bointon Jonathan	August 24	Tho : Tenny Junior daughter Sarah	May 24
B ^r Peirfon Junior daughter Jane	Aug. 31	Joseph Jewitt daughter a twin	Elizabeth
Tho : Wood Junior daught ^r Mary			
Jonathan Jackson daughter Hannah	Sept 21	Jonathan Wheeler son Jonathan	July 19
B ^r Joseph Jewitt son Aquilla	Sept 28	Jer Peirfon Daughter Miriam	August 2
B ^r Samuel Brottlebank daughter Hannah		James Tenny son James	August 9
B ^r Sam : twins { son Thomas	Octob 26	M ^{rs} Bennit { son David	August 9
Palmer { daughter Phebe		son Spenser	Aug : 30
Barzillai Barker Enoch	Nov : 9	Stephen Peirfon daughter Elizabeth	Septemb 13
Cousin M ^r Richard Dumer son Nathaniel		Deaf lads ¹ daught ^r Elizabeth	Septemb : 20
M ^r Payfon daughter Elizabeth	Nov : 30	M ^r Neh : Jewitt son Joseph	Octob : 18
Francis Palmer Junior daughter Elizabeth	Decemb 21	sister Lambert daughter Jane	Jan : 3
Tho : Leaver daughter Liddeah	Feb. 15	Edward Hasen daughter Jane	Jan : 17
Goodm Hale Junior daughter Edna	Feb. 22	Goodm [torn off] daughter Mary	Jan : 31
	1685	B ^r John Bayley daugh. Elizabeth	Feb : 20
Joseph Scott, Tayler son Joseph	March 15	B ^r Caleb Bointon, Smith, son Jeremiah	
B ^r James Scales son Mathew	March 29	Goodm Tod Junior daughter Hannah	1686
B ^r Samuel Spafford daughter Hannah	April 5	M ^r Paifon daughter Sarah 2 ^d daughter	March 19
Elizabeth Pearl daughter Eliz or		B ^r John Dreffer daughter Elizabeth	April 18
Samuel Dreser son Thomas	April 12		April 25
Benjamin Peirfon son Daniel		B ^r Clark Daughter Ester	
Joseph Jewitt B ^r woods son-in-law	April 26		
daugh Hannah			

¹ This means Isaac Kilborn who was deaf and dumb.

Joseph Kilborn son Georg	January 23
	1687
John Stickney daughter Mary	March
Barzillai Barker daugh Berthy	March
[two names torn off]	March 27
Joseph Jewett, s. to Br Wood, his son Joseph	Aprill 10
Tho Tenny junor daughter Elizabeth	May 1
John Spafford daughter Martha	June 19
Stephen Peirfon son Stephen	July 3
Moses Bradfreet son Samuel	July 10
Samuel Drefier son Jeremiah	July 31
Francis Palmer son John dead	August 14
William Duty son William	Aug: 28
M ^{rs} Bennit son William	Sept: 4
Br Joseph Jewitt daughter Priscilla	Sept: 18
Benjam: Peirfon daughter Ruth	Sept: 25
Caleb Borebanck son Ebenezer	Novemb 20
Samuel Kilborn son Samuel	
Josiah Wood son Joseph	
M ^r P ^{ay} fon daughter Mary	
M ^r Tho: Crosby of Hampton son Anthony	
Br Joseph Bointon son Hilkiah	Novemb 27
Benjamin Scott son Benjamin	
Isaack Kilborn daughter Martha	

Timothy Harrice son Joseph	May 30
Mary Ednan of Salifbury daughter Elizabeth	June 6
Cooper Palmer son Samuel	June 13
John Brown son Samuel	August 1
Jonathan Jackfon d. Liddeah	August 8
Collen Frazer son Simon	Aug 22
Jonathan Harriman daugh Margaret	Septemb 5
Goodm: Plummer daughter Sarah	Septemb 19
Br Brottlebank son John	
Tho: Wood junior Thomas	Octob 3
Tobias Coleman daughter Judith	
Goodwife Ayers Br Swans daught daughter Ruth	Octob 17
Br Nathan: Barker son James	Octob. 24
Captain Nelfon daughter Gemima	Novemb 7
Nathaniel Harris son Eliezer	
John Wood daughter Priscilla	
John Acie daughters 3 { Elizabeth Hannah Margeret	Novemb 14
Richard Swan son Ebenezer	Decemb. 12
M ^r Philip Nelfon Junior daughter Sarah	January 2
M ^r Dummer son Shubael	January 16
Ezekiel Leiton son Richard	

Goodm Center Br Tods son in law daughter Elcaner	Decemb 11	Tho: Nelson junior son Thomas	August 19
Samuel Bointon son Samuel	Jan: 8	John Weicom daugh Sarah	Septemb. 2
Mr Neh Jewitt daughter Mehitabel	ffeb 5	Jonathan Jackfon daught Mary	Septemb 9
Br Samuel Spafford daughter Ruth		Br Samuel Brottiebank dau: Sarah	Septemb 16
Good Plummer-neck-daughter Abigail	feb 26	Dr Bennit daughter Sarah	
	1688	Benjamin Plumer son Stephen	Septemb 30
John Hopkinfon daughter Ann		Timothy Harris daught Sarah	November 4
James Bayly daughter Elizabeth	March 11	Goodm West daughter Elizabeth	Decemb 2
Samuel Pickard son Samuel		Br Dickenfion daughter Rebecah	Decemb 16
Colen ffrazier son John	April 1	son Greenho daughter Elizabeth	
Joseph Scott, Tayler son Ebenezer	April: 15	James Tenny daughter Lucie	ffeb 10
John Tod junior son John	April 22	Captain Nelson daughter Abigail	ffeb 17
Jer Peirfon daughter Hannah	April 29	Nathaniel Harrice son Edward	1689
Br John Bayly daughter Liddeah		Joseph Jewitt Junior daughter Sarah	March 3
Br Bointon, Smith, son Ebenezer		Thomas Palmer son John	March 17
John Hidden son John	[date effaced]		March 24
Jonathan Wheeler daughter Mary		Br Clark son Ebenezer	
Caleb Bointon Ipsw. {daughter		Samuel Bointon son Samuel	April 14
[effaced]		Mihall Creafo son Mighel	April 21
Doctor Canada son Stephen	June 10	Samuel Ayres son Stephen	
Nathaniel Brown son Nathaniel	June 24	Br Samuel Platts daughter Bethiah	
Thomas Wood son Nehemiah		Br John Peirfon junior daugh.	
Anthony Bennitt daughter Rebeckah	July 15	Hepzibah	
John Brown daughter Abigail		Benjamin Peirfon daughter Abigail	
Edward Hafen son Edward	July 22	William Duty daughter Sarah	
		Moses Bradtreet daughter Elizabeth	

Joseph Plumer son Moses	May 5	Leutenant John Stickney son Samuel	March 30
John Drefier junior daughter Abigail	[torn off]	Jer : Peirfon son John	April 6
Georg { sons } Nathaniel	[torn off]	Samuel Spofford son Samuel	Aprill 27
White { Josiali	[torn off]	Ezeck Leiton daughter Mary	June 15
Stephen Peirfon Daughter Martha	July 7	Captain Bradtreet son Jonathan	June 22
Colen ffrazier Daughter Elizabeth	August 25	John Spofford son Ebenezer	Mary } Ellin }
Barzilla Barker son Noah	Sept 22	Goodman Pearl 2 daughters	July 13
Mr Neh Jewitt daughter Mehitabell	Sept : 29	John Brown daughter Mary	
Joseph Kilborn daught Mary	October 13	Mary Wheeler woman	
Joseph Bointon son Daniel	October 20	her child James	
Samuel Drefier son Benjamin	Nov : 3	Jofhuah Bointon } son Zachery	July 20
Josiah Wood son Benjamin	Nov : 10	son William	
William Creafy daughter Ann	Nov : 17	B ^r Elfworth daughter Sarah	July 27
B ^r John Pickard son ffancis	Decemb 8	Daniel Thofton junior son Daniel	Aug. 3
Ephraim Wood son [of] Tho ^s Wood	feb 2	Samuel Kilborn son David	
Benjamin Scott daughter Susanna	March	William Creasy son William	
Richard Swan daughter Hannah	1690	Philip Nelfon son Phillip	Aug 24
Samuel Wood son Thomas	March 16	dan Sarah gemini	
Mr Paiton son Eliphelet		Benjamin Peirfon son Benjamin	
Samuel Pickard son Samuel		Nathaniel Brown son Nathaniel	
Thom : Tenny daughter Hannah		Goodman Searl son William	
		Antony Bennit son John	Sept [torn off]
		Joseph Plummer daughter Miriam	Octob 12
		John Tod daughter Elizabeth	Novemb 2
		Isaack Kilborn son Jacob	Novemb 9

Timothy Harrice daught Phebe	{ Decemb 7	Br Clark son Jonathan	Sept 27
Mihal C'raffy son Joseph		Mr Neh : Jewitt son Benjamin	Octob 4
Thomas Aires son Jabez	Decemb 28	Tho : Birkby junior son Jeremiah	Nov —
Mr Paifon daughte Melitabel	January 25	Jofiah Wood son Samuel	Nov 8
Joseph Jewit merciant daughte Prifcilla	feb : 1	John Bradfreet son Mofes	Nov 15
Mr Tho : Nelson junior son Samuel	{ feb 22	John Drefler junior daughter Lideah	Nov 22
Stephen Peirfon daughte Mary	March 1691	Sarah Scales — widdow	{ Decemb 6
		Mary Daniel — mayd	Decem —
Samuel Pickard son Thomas	{ March 15	Elizabeth Bennit mayd baptized	{ Jan 24
John Heidden son Andrew		Benjamin Peirson daughter Sarah	{ Jan 31
John Jewet { Dorcas {	Twins March 22	Edward Hafen son John	1692
Coufin Bayly son John		Br John Pickard daughter Sarah	March 13
Goodman Plumer daughter An	{ March 29	Benjamin Scott son Samuel	March 20
Francis Palmer daughter Sarah	April 5	My son Samuel daughter Sarah	April 3
Widdow Downes Elizabeth &			April 10
her 2 children { Richard	{ April 12	Tho : Dickenfon son John	April 24
Jofeph Scott, Tayler daught. Sarah	April 19	Jonathan Jackfon son Jonathan	May 1
Daniel Weicom junior daught Mary	June 7	John Hopkinfon son John	{ May 15
Goodm Duty son John	July 5	James Tenny son John	May 29
Jethro Wheeler daugh Hannah	July 26	John Peirfon daughter Rebeckah	
Br Benj : Guttridge		Samuel Drefler son Henery	
sons { Samuel {	{ August 2	John Weicom son Thomas	
John {		John Leiton son John	
Ebenezer {		Jonathan Wheeler daughter Sarah	
		Samuel Cooper son Samuel	
		Samuel Bointon son Daniel	

Tho: Wood son Samuel	June 5	Mr William Hobson son William	March 1693
Jofeph Kilborn daughter Sarah	June 26	Joseph Plumer son Aaron	} March 12
Jonathan Harriman son Jonathan	July 17	Ipsw: Caleb Bointon daughter Mary	
Samuel Silver daughter Mary	July 24	Br John Pickard son David	Aprill 9
Samuel Spafford daughter Mary	Aug 14	Captain Jewitt daughter Johanna	Aprill 16
Tho: Tenny son Samuel	} Aug 21	John Tod son Samuel	May 14
Jethro Wheeler son Jethro		Br Nathaniel Barker son Nathaniel	June 11
John Brown daughter Martha	Aug 28	Br Joseph Jewitt's daughter Rebecker	July 30
Br Collen frazier daughter	Sept 9	Hannah Bointon Samuel Bointon's	
Ezekiel Northen junior son John	Octob 16	wif batized	Octob. 8
Goodm: Elithorp, grandchild,	} Octob 23	Mary Silver Baptized	} Octob 15
daughter Sarah		and Mary Kirk eadem die	
Nathaniel Brown daughter Mary	Octob 30	Stephen peirfon son Jonathan	Novemb 5
Tho: Ayres son Abraham	Nov. 20	Samuel Cooper daughter Mary	Novemb 19
Jer Peirfon daughter Hephzibah	Decemb. 4	Ensigne Stickney son Andrew	Novemb 26
Mighel Creafy daughter	Decemb 11	Br Bradfreet daughter Dorothy	Decemb 3
Br Elfworth son Jeremiah	} Decemb 18	Joseph Bointon junior daughter Sarah	Decemb 10
Tho: Birkby daughter Sarah		Thomas Nelfon junior daughter	
William Creafy son John	} Decemb 25	Hannah	Decemb 24
Timmothy Harrice daughter		Mr Ezeck Northen junior daughter	} January 14
Bridgett		Edna	
Mr Payfon son Samuel	} feeb 5	Samuel Ayers son Edward	} January 21
Levtenant Stickney daughter		John Platts daughter Mary	
Sarah		Cousin John Bradfreet dang:	} January 28
Tho: Jewitt s. Ezekiel	feeb 19	Elizabeth	
Josiah Wood daughter Sarah	feeb 19		

Mr William Hobson daughter Ann		Sept 16
James Platts son Samuel		
Goodm: Duty son Mathew		
Ezekiel Leiton son Ezekiel		Sept. 23
Tho: Birkby junior daughter Ester		
Nathaniel Brown daughter Mary		
Benjamin Peirson son Jedediah		Octob. 7
Tho: Wood daughter Elizabeth		Octob 21
Moses Bradstreet daughter Hannah		
Daniel Tenney } son Daniel		Nov. 4
B: John Brown son Samuel		
Samuel Silver daughter Elizabeth		
James Bayly son James		Nov. 18
francis Palmer son francis		
Mr Payfon son Edward		
Samuel Spafford Abigail		Decemb 2
Collen frazier son John		
Timothy Harrice daughter Dorcas		Dec: 16
John Dresher junior daught Mehitable		ffeb: 3
Joseph Kilborn daughter Abigail		ffeb: 10
Daniel Welcom junior daught: Sarah		ffeb. 17
Moses Platts son Able		
B: Benjamin Plummer daughter Mary		ffeb 24
Mr Philip Nelfon daughter Hannah		
Mr Nathaniel Crouby son Jonathan		1695
Mr Thomfon of Newberry daughter Abigail		
Samuell Bointon son Samuel		
Goodm Harriman son Leonard		
Goodm Ruffell son Jonathan		
Nathaniel Harrice daughter Eliza- beth		
Nathan Wheeler daughter Rebecker		
James Thurfston daughter Hannah		
Samuel Pickard son Moses		
B: Tho: Jewet daughter ffayth		
Joseph Bointon junior son Nathaniel		
Jonathan Bayly son Jonathan		
Jer: Peirfon daughter Miriam		
Captain Jewitt son Jofhuah		
Jonathan Look adult		
Benjam: Hazzen } twins		
Hephzibah Hazzen }		
Jofhuah Bradstreet }		
Francis Brotlebank } twins		
Elizabeth Brotlebank }		
Johanna Pickard }		

Persons baptized beginning y^e year 1696 whom I
baptized; y^e number taken from my day-book

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Purchas Jewit	April 7	189	Mercy Silver Dr Sam ^l	March 15.
Timothy Palmer—cooper—		190	Bridget Bradstreet Dr Mofes	
Hannah Tenny		191	Lydia Platts Dr Mofes Platts	March 22.
torn off		192	Shobael Bayley f. Jonathan	April 5.
Tho : Dickenfon son Thomas	May 5	193	Hannah Bointon Dr Jofhua	
Aaron Pengre daughter Rebeckeh		194	John Brown f. John	
Mighell Crefy son Jonathan	May 12 : 95	195	Will. Look f. Jonathan	April 19.
Jofiah Wood son James		196	Abigall Stewart Dr James	
Benjamin Peirfon daughter Mehit- able	June 23 1695	197	James Platts f. John	April 26.
Samuel Ayres son Joseph	August 4	198	Benjamin Poor f. Henry	
Ezekiel Leiton : son Ezeck	Sept. 18	199	Sam ^l Duty f. William	May 3.
Goodm : Stephens son William	Septemb 29	200	James Wood f. Ebenezer	
William Hobfon daughter Sarah		201	Peter Couper f. Sam ^l	May 17.
Tim : Harrice son John	—Octob 13	202	David Plummer f. Joseph jun ^r	May 24.
Nathaniel Brown Martha daught.		203	Abigall Kemball adult	
John Leiton daughter Martha	Octob : 20	204	Sam ^l Tod f. Sam ^l Tod	June 7.
M ^r Jewt' daughter Ruth	Nov : 10	205	Rebeka Cole M ^{rs} Bennets child	July 12.
Tho : Tenny daughter Ruth	Nov : 17	206	Ebenezar ffrazier f. Collin	Aug st 2.
Thomas Wood daught Mehitabel	Decemb 22	207	Catherine Wentworth adult	Aug st 30.
Andrew Stickney junior daught Re- beckeh	Decemb 29	208	Maria Kilborn D Sam ^l	
[Recorded by the Rev ^d Edward Payson fourth minister]		209	John Johnfon f. Sam ^l	Sept ^r 6.
		210	Mercy Wheeler D. Nathan	Sept ^r 13.

^rThis is Chute. She was born 2 Nov., 1695.

211	Mary Greenough Dr Rob ^t	Sept ^r 20.	234	William Wentworth	The children of Paul Wentworth May 16 1697	June 6
212	Mary Tod Dr John	Sept ^r 27.	235	Sylvanus Wentworth		June 13
213	John Tenney f. Dan ^l	Octob ^r 18.	—	Paul Wentworth		July 18
214	Mary Crefie D Will.	Nov ^{br} 8.	—	Ebenezar Wentworth		Aug st 1
215	Eleazar Bointon f. Sam ^l	} Nov ^{br} 15.	—	Aaron Wentworth		Aug st 8
216	Jane Stickney D. Jn ^o		240	Mofes Wentworth		Aug st 15
217	Dorcas Thurston D. James	decembr 27.	—	Martha Wentworth		Aug st 22
218	Nathanael Harriman f. Jonath.	janv 3.	—	Mercy Wentworth		Sept ^r 12
219	Sarah Bradfreet D Humphy	} janv 17.	243	Mary Wentworth		Octob ^r 10
220	Mary Weicom D. Dan ^l jun ^r		244	Catherine Wentworth		This was y ^e last child baptized in the old meet- ing-houfe. Which house we left, & went to worship God in our new houfe Nov. 7, 1697
1697						1698 2 nd Meet. house
221	Elifabeth Palfon my Dr	febrv 7.	245	Sarah Brown D Nath ^l		Amos Stickney f. Andrew
222	Hannah Bradfreet Dr Jn ^o	} febr. 14	—	Hannah Wheeler D Jethro		Janv 2
223	Abigail Nelson Dr Tho jun ^r		248	Simon Pickard f. Jn ^o		
224	Ezeck ^l Northend f. Ezeck ^l jun ^r	} March 7	—	Patience Peirfon D. Stephen		
225	Sam ^l Jackson f. Jonathan		250	Elifabeth Crofbie D Nath ^l		
226	William Stevens adult	} March 21	251	Gerthom ffrazer f. Colin		
227	Mary Kilborn D Isaac		252	Daniel Lunt f. John		
228	Mofes Peirfon s. Jeremiah	} March 28	253	Jeremiah Hobfon f. Will.		
229	John Dresfer f. Jn ^o jun ^r		254	Bridget Bointon D. Jofeph jun ^r		
230	Martha Plumer D. Benja	} April 11				
231	Mehetabel Aiers D. Thomas					
232	Elifabeth Pickard D. Sam ^l					
233	Jeremiah Hopkinson f. Michael	April 25				
		May 9				

This was y^e frst chld that was baptized in o^r new meeting-house

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| 256 | Tamer Crede D. Michael | feb. 6 |
| 257 | Moses Bradstreet f. Moses | febrv 27 |
| 258 | Ruth Silver Dr Sam ^l | March 6 |
| 259 | Mary Harris D. Timothy | March 13 |
| 260 | Ebenezar Burtbe f. Thomas | April 3 |
| 261 | Mehtabel Jewett D. Thomas | April 3 |
| 262 | Sarah Look D. Jonathan | April 3 |
| 263 | Ebenezar Wheeler f. Jonathan | |
| | Gemini | |
| 264 | Mehtabel Wheeler D. Jona- | April 20 |
| | than | |
- baptized at his own house becaufe one of y^m was
high his end in appearanc. y^r were presnt 7 of
y^e chh. in full comunion & two more honest
neighbours &c.
- | | | |
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| 265 | Mehtable Spoford D. Sam ^l | May 1 |
| 266 | Joseph Brown f. John | May 8 |
| 267 | Elifabeth Pore D. Henry | May 22 |
| 268 | Job Harris f. Nath ^l | |
| 269 | Gerthom Tenney f. James | May 29 |
| 270 | Mary Platts D. James | June 19 |
| 271 | Nathan Platts f. Sam ^l | june 26 |
| 272 | John Bayley f. Jonathan | |
| 273 | Jane Pickard D. Widow | july 3 |

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| 274 | Samuel Hazen f. Edward | july 24 |
| 275 | Solomon Stewart f. James | july 31 |
| 276 | Jonathan Hopkinson f. Michael | August 28 |
| 277 | Mary Pickard D. Samuel Pickard | |
| 278 | Elifabeth Davis D. Cornelious | |
| | Davis | Septemb ^r 11 |
| 279 | Andrew Deuty f. William Duty | Septemb ^r 18 |
| 280 | Hannah Paifon my D ^r | |
| 281 | John West f. John | October 16 |
| 282 | Mary Lunt Dr John | |
| 283 | William Tenney f. Dan ^l | Octobr 30 |
| 283 | John Syle f. Richard | Novemb ^r 6 |
| 284 | Mary Harriman D Jonathan | Nover 13 |
| 285 | Joseph Bointon f. Joseph | Novemb ^r 20 |
| 286 | Benjamin Brown f. Nath ^l | Decembr 11 |
| 287 | Ebenezar Wood f. Ebenezar | January 1 |
| 288 | Benjamin Wentworth f. Paul | Janrv 22 |
| 289 | Hephzibah Peirson D. Stephen | January 29 |
| 290 | Mary Wood D. Josiah | |
| 291 | Isaac Jewett f. Isaac Ipsw. | |
| 292 | Abigail Wheeler D. Nathan | |
| 293 | Mehtabel Thurston D. Joseph | |
| 294 | Joseph Thurston | february 5 |
| | f. Joseph | |
| 295 | Benjamin Thurston | Gemini |
| | f. Joseph | |

296	James Stewart	} Adult	} February 12
297	John Stewart		
298	Rachel Wood		
299	Elisabeth Platts D. Moses		
300	Daniel Jackson f. Jonathan		
	Ma 1699		
301	Joseph Hedden f. Samuel		March 5
302	Hannah Welcom D Dan ^l		March 12
303	Elifabeth Geage D. Thomas		
	sen ^r		March 19
304	Jane Northend D. Ezekiel		
305	Hannah Creafie D. William		April 2
306	Hannah Jewet D. Maximilian		April 9
307	Isaac Boynton S. Samuel		April 16
308	Elifabeth Dickinson D. Thomas		April 23
309	Thomas Tod f. John		
310	Abner Thurston f. James		April 30
311	Jonathan Nelson f. Thomas Jun ^r		
312	Elifabeth Nelson D. John		May 7
	Nelson		
313	Jedidiah Kilborn s. Samuel		May 28
	Kilborn		
314	Amos Stickney f. Andrew		June 4
315	Samuel Johnson f. Sam ^l		June 11
316	Mary Hobson D. William		
317	Sarah Davis D. Cornelious		July 30
318	Mehetabel Tenney D. Thomas		
319	Nathaniel Crosbie f. Nathaniel		August 27
320	Jeremiah Peirson f. Jeremiah		September 10
321	Samplon Plummer f. Joseph at		
	y ^e Neck		September 17
322	James Drefser f. Jn ^o Jun ^r		October 1
323	Mary Stewart D. John		October 8
324	Nathan Phrazer f. Collin		January 14
325	John Stickney f. John		
326	Jonathan Burthy f. Thomas		January 28
327	Jonathan Peirson f. Benjamin		
328	Hephzibah Jewett D. Thomas		febr ^y 4
	1700		
329	Eliott Paifon my son		
330	Mofes Wheeler f. Jethro		March 17
331	Hannah Walker D. Richard		
332	Joseph Pickard f. Samuel		March 24
333	John Geage f. Thomas Jun ^r		April 7
334	Ann Wood D. Thomas Wood		April 14
335	John Bradstreet f. Mofes		
336	Mary Tod D. James		April 21
337	John Kilborn f. Isaac		May 12
338	Hannah Hardy Adult		
339	Mofes Hopkinson f. Michael		June 9
340	Stephen Harris f. Timothy		
341	Hephzibah Hobson D. John		June 16

342	Lidia Spoford D. Sam ^l Spoford	July 7	367	Dorothy Northend D. Ezekiel	
343	Abigail Pearley D. Samuel	} July 14	368	Sarah Harriman D. Jonathan	} March 23
344	Abner Tod f. Samuel Tod		369	Mary Trumble D. Judah	
345	Jonathan Drefser f. Jonathan	} August 11	370	Andrew Stickney f. Andrew jun ^r	} March 30
346	Hannah Chute D. James		371	Richard Tenney f. Daniel	
347	John Nelson f. John	} Aug st 18	372	Nathan Drefser f. John jun ^r	} Aprill 6
348	Samuel Silver f. Samuel		373	Stephen Woodman f. Jonathan	
349	Edward Wentworth f. Paul	} Aug st 31	374	Hannah Couper D. Samuel	} Aprill 20
350	Mary Platts D. James		375	Abigail Creafie D. Michael	
351	Sarah Brown D. Nathan ^l	} Septemb ^r 8	376	Hephzibah Weicom D. Daniel	} May 4 th
352	Hannah Plumer D. Joseph		377	Nathaniel Nelson f. Gerthom	
353	Hannah Brown D. John	} Septemb ^r 22	378	William Hobfon f. William	} May 11
354	Moses Duty f. William		379	Sarah Drefser D. Sam ^l jun ^r	
355	Samuel Wheeler f. Jonathan	} September 29	380	Nathan Davis f. Cornelious	} June 8
356	Abigail Thurfton D. Joseph		381	Stephen Bointon s. Sam ^l	
357	Daniel Pore f. Henry	} Octobr 27	382	Isreal Hazzen f. Edward	} July 20
358	Benjamin Bointon f. Joseph		383	Nathan Wheeler f. Nathan	
359	Abell Creafie f. William	} Decemb ^r 22	384	Dorothy Lunt D. John	} Aug st 17
360	Joseph Jewett f. Jonathan		385	Samuel Jewett D. Daniel	
361	Stephen Pailon my son	} Jan ^{ry} 5	386	Thomas Tod f. John Tod	} Aug st 24
362	John Platts f. John		387	Margaret Elethorp D. Nathan ^l	
363	Eliabeth Look D. Jonathan	} Jan ^{ry} 26		jun ^r	} Sept ^r 21
364	Ann Bayley D. Jonathan		388	Benjamin Stickney f. Benjamin	
	1701	} febr ^{ry} 2	389	Joseph Bayley f. Nathan ^l	} October 12
365	Benjamin Stewart f. James		390	Samuel Bayley f. James	
366	Eliababeth Jewett D. Maxim.	} febr ^{ry} 16	391	Jonathan Wood f. Ebenezer	} Nov ^r 2
		} March 9			

392	Tabitha Walker D. Richard	Nov. 26		411	Moses Scott f. John	} May 31
393	Jonathan Burthe f. Thomas	} Nov ^r 30		412	Sarah Silver D. Sam ^l	
394	David Dickinon f. Thomas				413	Mary Lambert D. Thomas
395	Elizabeth Harris D. Timothy Harris	} January 4 th		414	Abijah Wheeler f. Jethro	June 28
396	Sarah Geage D. Tho ^s Geage jun ^r				415	Elifabeth Spoford D. Sam ^l .
397	Amos Peirfon f. Jeremiah	January 11		416	Sarah Jewett D. Thomas-Box- ford-	July 12
398	Hannah Chaplin D. John & Margaret	febr 22		417	Sarah Plummer D. Jofeph	July 19
				418	Jonathan Drefser f. Jonathan	July 26
				419	Sufanna Tod D. Samuel	Sept ^r . 27
				420	Humphery Hobfon f. John	Octob ^r . 4
	1702			421	David Pearley s. Samuel	} Novembr. 1
399	Sarah Payfon my Daughter	March 8		422	Jonathan Nelson f. Jeremiah	
400	Daniel Johnfon f. Samuel	} March 15		423	Hannah Platts D. Mofes	Novembr. 8
401	Hester Tod D. James Tod				424	David Bointon f. Richard
402	Martha Drefser D. John jun ^r .	March 22		425	Elifabeth Jewett D. John	
403	Elifabeth Hedden D. Ebenezer	March 29		426	Benoni Bayley s. Jonathan	Decembr 13
404	Nathan Plummer f. Benjamin	April 12		427	Patience Barker D. Jacob	decembr 27
405	Mehetabel Brown D. Nathaniel	April 26		428	David Stewart f. James	Janry 10
406	Abigail ffrafier D. Collin	April 26		429	Hannah Northend D. Ezekiel	} Janry 31
407	Dorothy Nelson D. Tho. jun ^r .	May 3		430	Bridget Bointon D. Joseph	
408	Deliverance Look D. Jr ^{oath} .	} May 17		431	Patience Walker D. Richard	} febrv 28
409	Mary Look D. Jona- than				432	
					1703	
409	Mary Look D. Jona- than	Adult		433	Jonathan Payfon my son	March 7
410	John Peirfon f. Jofeph			434	Daniel Drefser f. Samuel jun ^r .	March 14

435	Benjamin Jewett f. Jonathan	April 4	458	Abraham Bointon f. Samuel	
436	Jacob Wood f. Josiah sen ^r .	April 11	459	Solomon Nelson f. Francis	} Nov ^{br} 21
437	James Brown f. John	April 18	460	Hephzibah Platts D. John	
440 ¹	Moses Couper f. Samuel	April 25	461	Daniel Elethorp f. Nathan ^l .	} Decemb ^r 5
441	Hannah Jackson wife Jonath. Adult	May 2	462	Mary Dickinson D. James	
442	Hannah Wood D. widow		463	Hannah Burtbe D. Tho.	
443	Wood		464	Elifabeth Welcom D. Dan ^l .	} Decemb ^r 19
443	Elifabeth Broclebank D. Joseph	} May 23	465	Jemima Chent D. Liton ^l .	
444	Abigail Look D. Jonathan		466	Phinehas felt f.	Jan ^{ry} 9
445	Abigail Lunt D. John		467	Ruth Jewett D. Abraham	Jan ^{ry} 17
446	John Harriman f. Jonathan	} Jun 6	468	Jonathan Hopkinson f. Michael	
447	Moses Stickney f. Benjamin	Jun 13	469	David Hale f. Jofeph	} Jan ^{ry} 23
448	Hannah Scott D. John	June 20	470	Benjamin Tenney s James	
449	Sarah Jewett D. Daniel	June 27	471	Thomas Lancafter f. Sam ^l .	} Jan ^{ry} 30
450	David Plummer f. Francis	July 4	472	Jane Nelson D. Jeremiah	
451	Ebenezer Tenny f. Dan ^l .	July 25	473	Abel Platts f. Moses	febr ^y 6
452	James Platts f. James	Aug st 15			
453	Anne Nelson D. Gerf'horm	Aug st 15			1704
454	Ruth Brown D. Nathan ^l .	Sept. 5	474	Dorothy Rogers D. Rob ^t	March 5
455	Sarah Hedden D. Ebenezer	Sept. 12	475	David Creafie f. Micheal	March 12
456	Nathanael Bayley f. Nathan ^l .	Octob ^r 3	476	John Colman f. Thomas	Aprill 16
457	Martha Hobson D. William	Octob ^r 31	477	Jane Pickard D. Samuel	May 7
		Nov ^{br} 7	478	Moses Drefser f. Jno. jun ^r . 3 ^d .	
			479	Hannah Peirson D. Jeremiah	} May 21
			480	Deborah Plummer D. Jofeph	

¹ Error in original.

481	David Wood f. Ebenezer	June 5	
482	Hephzibah Pore D. Henry senr.		
483	Jos'hua Pore f. Henry junr.		
484	Jonathan Johnson f. Joseph Haverhill.		
		June 18	
485	Nathaniel Broadstreet f. Moses	June 25	
486	John Jewett f. John		
487	David Dreiser f. John junr.	July 23	
488	Samuel Creasie f. William		
489	Sarah Wallingford D. Nicholas		
490	Mary Hedden D. Samuel	Aug st 13	
491	Abigail Clark D. Richard		
492	Rebeka Walker D. Richard	Aug st 27	
493	Sarah Lambert D. Thomas		
494	Abigail Plummer D. John		
495	Lawson Frazier son Collin	Sept ^r 10	
496	Elifabeth Wheeler D. Nathan	Octobr 15	
497	Seth Jewet f. Maximilian	Octobr 22	
498	Elifabeth Nelson D. Thomas		
499	Joseph Tod f. John Tod	Octobr 29	
500	Nathan Bointon f. Richard	Nov ^{br} 5	
501	Mehetabel Woodman D. Jos'hua		
502	Thomas Dreiser f. Jonathan	Nov ^{br} 12	
503	Hannah Harris D. Timothy		
504	Hannah Johnson D. Samuel	Decembr 24	
505	Jonathan Tod f. James Tod	Decembr 31	
506	Moses Hobson f. John Hobson		
507	Nathan Burtbe f. Thomas	Jan ^{ry} 14	
508	Hannah Hazzen D. Edward		
509	Mary Dreiser D. Samuel junr.		febr ^y 19
		1705	
510	Mehetabel Northend D. Ezekiel	March 4	
511	David Payfon my son	March 11	
512	Margaret Barker D. Jacob	March 18	
513	Patience Pearley D. Samuel	March 25	
514	Isreal Look f. Jonathan	April 1	
515	Joseph Stickney f. Benjamin		
516	Moses Geage f. Thomas		
517	Mercy Chaplin D. Jeremiah	Aprill 8	
518	Elifabeth Chaplin D. John	Aprill 15	
519	Hannah Stewart D. James	April 22	
520	Mary Wheeler D. Jethro	April 29	
521	Abiel Bointon s. Joseph & Bridget	May 20	
522	Mercy Nelson D. Francis & Mercy		
523	Stephen Stickney f. Andrew	May 27	
524	Jedidiah Jewett f. Jonathan	Jun 3	
525	Richard Peirfon f. Josephe	June 10	
526	Jonathan Clark f. Judah	June 17	
527	Ednah Prime D. Mark		
528	Mary Nelson D. John Nelson	June 24	

529	William Jewet f. Aquila	July 15	553	Samuel Heydden f. Samuel	March 31
530	Joseph Deuty f. William	July 29	554	Caleb Hobson f. William	April 7
531	Abraham Brown f. John	Aug st 27	555	Samuel Wood f. Ebenezer	
532	Joseph Jackson f. Jonathan	Sept ^r 2	556	Elifabeth Wood D. Josiah	
533	Benjamin Thurston f. Joseph	Sept ^r 16	557	Mehetabel f. D. Samuel	
534	Elifabeth Plummer D. John	Sept ^r 23	558	Lydia Lancaster D. Samuel	
535	Dorothy Hedden D. Ebenezer	Sept ^r 30	559	John Clark f. Richard	
536	Abigail Jewet D. Isaac	Octobr 14	560	Stephen Dreser f. John jun ^r	
537	Hannah Platts D. Isaac	Novembr 4	561	Margaret Wallingfor D. Nicholas	July 14
538	Mary Sawyer D. Ezekiel jun ^r .	Nov ^r 11	562	Dorothy Woodman D. Joshua	Aug st 18
539	William Brown f. Nathaniel	Nov ^r 18	563	Samuel Pore f. Henry	
540	Josiah Bayley f. Nathaniel	Decembr 23	564	Ebenezer Davis	
541	Mary Tenney D. Daniel	Decembr 30	565	Samuel Davis	
542	Samuel Harriman f. Jonathan	January 6		The children of John Davis	
543	Nathanael Bradstreet f. Moses	febr ^y 3	566	Sufannah Davis	
544	Hannah Trumble D. Judah	febr ^y 24	567	Elifabeth Davis	
545	Anne Jewet D. Abraham	March 3	568	Richard Walker f. Richard, Nubary	
546	James Dickinson f. James deceased	March 10	569	Mary Mighel D. Nathanael	
547	Hannah Pickard D. Samuel	March 24	570	Sarah Brattlebank D. Sam ^l	
548	Sarah Dickinson D. George			jun	
549	Dionysius Rogers D. Robert		571	Elphelet Kilborn f. Samuel	Octobr 20
550	Daniel Greenough f. Robert Jun ^r		572	Sarah Colman D. Thomas	Nov ^r 10
			573	Elifabeth Stewart D. James	Nov ^r 17
			574	Ann Lambert D. Thomas	
551	John Kinrick f. John	1706			
552	Mark Creafie f. William				

575	Abraham Bointon	S ^s Samuel	Gemini Nov ^r 24	598	Jeremiah Nelson s. Joseph	Jun 29
576	Moses Bointon			599	Johannah Platts s. John	July 6
577	Sarah Drefser D. Jonathan		Decembr 8	600	Joseph Creafie s. William	July 27
578	Mchtabel Jewett D. Aquilla		Jan ^y 19	601	Mercy Barker D. Jacob	Aug st 3
579	Samuel Northend s. Ezekiel		Jan ^y 26	602	Ephriam Bointon s. Joseph	Aug st 10
580	John Hobson f. John		febr ^y 16	603	George Dickinson s. George	Sept ^r 14
581	Jonathan Chaplin f. Jeremiah		febr ^y 23	604	Daniel Jewet s. Daniel	Sept ^r 28
582	Mary Jewett D. Joseph jun ^r			605	Moses Tenney s. Thomas jun ^r	Nov ^r 16
		1707		606	Jane Prime D. Mark	Nov ^r 30
583	Joseph Dickinson f. Thomas		March 2	607	Hannah Clark D. Judah	Decembr 7
584	Sarah Bointon D. Benoni		March 9	608	Mary Johnson D. Samuel	Jan ^y 4
585	Leonard Couper f. Samuel		March 16	609	Mary Broclevbank D. Joseph	Jan ^y 25
586	Samuel Greenough s. Rob ^t jun ^r		March 30	610	Mary Jewet wife Joseph Adult	febr ^y 1
587	Hannah Hopkinson D. Jeremiah		April 6	611	David Bayley s. Nath ^l	febr ^y 15
588	Elifabeth Platts D. Isaac		April 6	612	Georg Hybert Adult	febr ^y 22
589	Moses Platts S. Moses		April 13	613	Pricilla Jewett Adult	
590	Philips Payfon My son		April 27	614	William Jewett S. Abraham	
591	Sarah Burtby D. Thomas			615	Sarah Jewett D Nathan ^l	
592	Samuel Drefser s. Samuel		May 25	616	Stephen Mighel S. Nath ^l	
593	Elifabeth Plummer D. Joseph			617	Samuel Prime S. Sam ^l	
594	Samuel Dickinson S. Samuel		June 1	618	Hannah Bointon D. Sam ^l	
595	Jane Drefser D. Joseph		June 22	619	Sarah Wheeler D. Jethro	
596	Ezekiel Sawyer f. Ezekiel			620	David Jewett S. Isaac	
597	Sarah Hopkinson D. Michael			621	Jacob Jewet S. Jonathan	
				622	Jane Bradfreet D. Moses	
				623	Sarah Nelson D. Gerfthom	

(To be continued.)

JOSHUA COFFIN PAPERS.¹

LETTER FROM THOMAS OSBORNE OF NANTUCKET.

der and louing Brother littell in gospill bonds my harty loue Remembred vnto you and your wife Though vnto me vnknowne hoping you are in helth as I liuing att The wrighting her of blessed be the lord hartyly giuing you Thanks for your kind entanment when I was last att your howse this is farther to let you vnderstand I hame maryed To one margry Colman A widow one the Iland nantucat whar I now hame I beleufe god hath profided for me and giue A mek hole A very louing wife one in Charity I estem and Judg fers The lord and a true loufer of the pepell and ways of the lord and I se nothing but the lord blessing our Indefrs we may liuf comfortable though both Aged and but crasy you know my wecknes and god macks me sensible I hop in marsy of my insafishensy as to the work I ham implied in as to souls consurns but my desyer is holy to Rely vpon the lord thought I ham weck y^t weckns itseluf that can and I beleuf will inabl me in some mesher to, what he Calls me to for which I wish your prayrs That in hert and liuf I may be to the prase of his fre grace macking and keping me fathfull vnto deth I may Receuf the Crowne of liuf promised vnto all that loue him: this farther der Brother I desyer and intreat you to Remembr my harty Respeks and loue to ellder hull and his wif our deckons and thar wifes brother sayer [Sawyer] and his wife and stefan swet and all the Rest of my Brethrin and sisters in gospell bonds as If I had named them

¹These papers are selections from the Manuscript Collection of Joshua Coffin, the historian of Newbury, now in the possession of the Essex Institute.

in pertickeler as you may haue oprtunyty wanting time and other ocashons lying hard vpon me: this furdre I and my wif Intrets you to Remembr our hartly loue to our brother Chandler and his wife and all Thar Childrin Intreating him if he hauf my husbands Collmans mind which himselfe ded wright and my husband Collman sett his hand to it how he wold leuf me A comfortabll mantyance if he dyed and leuft me A widow, my wife desyers he wold be plesed to send it vnto her if he haufe the same as Judging it might be of great benifit and vse vnto her for her husband Collmans sonns dells very hardly by her and keps and taks what thay can posible from me and Requits me very vnworthyly for all my car and indeutirs for Thar good and Comfort which is A great gref and trobl vnto me but we trust the lord will bar ous up and profid what is nesasary and giue ous Contentment in our sprits in that porshon he in his wisdom shall []ought vnto ous. ernstly desyring A few lines from you to know your one estat and how things stand Respekting our sosiaty In poblick carying one in the Consarns of the poblick worship of god and how we dew in nombr and increse with the increatings of god In loue to god and loue and pece Amoiing your selus by which it is mad manyfest that we are The tru desippls of Jesusous Christ by our pesable liuing in the one with another comiting you to the protexion of the allmighty god and Beging your all all my brothrins prayrs for my being presarfed vnto his heuenly kingdon and deliufred from eury eufell way And work I Rest your louing Brother In gospill Bonds

Thomas osburne
from nanttucet Iland this 25 of the 8 month 1682.

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LETTER FROM JONATHAN BRIDGHAM.

Boston thif 4. ocktob: 87.

Louing ffriend m^r John Coffin my Loue and Respekts to you: these Lienf are To: Inform you that I haue Received by m^r williams for your youes 8: boifhels & a half:

of: wheat & 5 boifhels of Riee & two hids the hids you sent afoor waor baed & the Lart tou: waor worf for thay are good for Littell when wee workt them they fell tou: peifis: I will maik the best off them & giue you a true account off them pray send mee noe moor sutch hids for it will not doe to send you good Lether for baed hids as for the frait off the two hids m^r williams haith sattiffied mee a bought them & if you send mee good hids I will sattiffie you for the saim as I doe your brother m^r James Coffin 2^d a pound and I: would Intreit you: if you haue an: oportunitty to send mee sum moor wheat & Riee & I fhall bee willing to pleshur you with whot Lether you wontt as for the othar things you: wreit for at presant I: Cannot help you but will Indeuior to help you as Sone as I Can.

Sa^r yours To sarue In whot: I: may or Can.

Jonathan Bridgham.

I: haue now sent you by m^r williams two cared hids & fue sids of solether marked

J: C:

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PETER RICH, WOUNDED SOLDIER.

1709.

Peter Rich being in her Majestys service received by ye splitting of his gun a large & dangerous wound so that his Carpus was thereby dislocated & the synonia emitted. The Toules pulsant artery and nerves laid bare & deuested, The ossa metacarpii very much fractured & lacerated, & ye carnous parts of ye hand greatly wounded & contused, from all which there arose a symptomatical fever and delirium.

vents; desucartines & dressing, balsamum, vulnerarum, antifebritules, anodyne, Julibs, cordials & vulnerary desalton = £23 7s

"It haue bin so several times my time" Tho. Noyes.

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NEWBURY TAX RATE, 1711.

Effex ff To m^r Robart Adams Constable for the Town of Newbury within the County of Efsex Greeting

In Her Majesties Name you are Required to Levey and Colect of the Several persons named in the List here with committed unto you each one his Respective preportion therein set down of y^e sume toatle of such List being a tax or Affessment granted & agreed by y^e Inhabetants of y^e Town of Newbury regularly assembled for defraying the necessary chargis arising within the Same And to deliver & pay in the sume & sumes which you Shall so Levey & colect unto the Selectmen of the Town of Newbury aforesaid or theair order and to compleate and make up an accompt of your collection of the wholl sume at on or before the first day of March next Insuing the date hereof And if aney person or persons Shall neglect or Refuse to make payment of y^e sume or sumes wheareat he or they are Respectively assessed and Set in the said List to Distraine the goods or chattles of such person or persons to y^e value thereof And y^e Distrefs or Disteffes so taken to keep by the space of four days at the cost and charge of the owner and if y^e owner do not pay the sume or sumes of money so Aessed upon him within within y^e said four days then y^e said Disteff or Disteffes so taken you are to Expose and openly sell at an outcry for payment of said money & charges notice of such sale being posted up in sum publick place within y^e same Town twenty hours beforehand And y^e over plus coming by said sale (if aney be) befids y^e sume or sumes of y^e assessment & y^e charges of taking & keeping the Disteff or Disteffes to be Emediately Restored to y^e owner and for want of goods or chattles whereon to make Distefs you are to feize y^e body or bodyes of y^e person or persons so refusing & him or them commit unto the common goal of the said County there to remaine until he or they pay & satisfie the several Sume or Sumes wheareat they are Respectively assessed as aforesaid unless upon application made to y^e Court of Genaral Seffions of y^e peace the same or aney part thereof Shall be abated Dated at Newbury aforesaid this nin-

teenth day of Defember in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eleven being the tenth year of the Raigne of our Sovaraigne Lady Anne of Great Britton France and Ireland Queen Defendor of the faith &c.

BENAYAH TITCOMB	} Selectmen for the Town of Newbury
SILUANUS PLUMMUR	
CUTTING MOODEY	
WILLIAM TITCOMB	

A Town Rate Made Defemb^r? 1711.

	MONEY		AS MONEY	
	s	d	s	d
Joseph Woodbridge Esq ^r	5	11	5	11
serj. Abraham Adams	7	10	7	10
Robart Adams	3	8	3	8
Abraham Adams Ju ^r	2	3	2	3
John Adams	1	6	1	6
Ifaac Adams Ju ^r	0	5	0	5
Matthew Adams	2	3	2	3
Sam ^l Atkinfon	0	7	0	7
Nathaniel Atkinfon	2	3	2	3
Stephen Akerman	0	9	0	9
Ebenezer Ayres	2	0	2	0
Zacharyah Boynton	0	7	0	7
Jofhva Boynton Sen ^r	7	0	7	0
Jofhva Boynton Ju ^r	1	10	1	10
Jn ^o Boynton Sen ^r	2	11	2	11
John Boynton Ju ^r	0	7	0	7
Doct ^r Bradstreet	2	6	2	6
Nath ^l Badger	3	0	3	0
Wid Marth Coker	1	4	1	4
Moses Coker	0	7	0	7
Benjamin Coker	1	5	1	5
M ^r John Calef	3	2	3	2
ferj Th ^o Clarke	2	6	2	6
Corp ^l Henry Clarke	3	11	3	11

	MONEY		AS MONEY	
	s	d	s	d
Ezra Cottle	1	3	1	3
John Cheney	2	4	2	4
Ephraim Colman	3	8	3	8
Thomas Colman	5	6	5	6
Peter Cheney	1	2	1	2
Juda Colman	0	7	0	7
Nathaniel Clarke	2	1	2	1
Mr John Duñer	2	10	2	10
Mr Richard Duñer	5	10	5	10
Nathaniel Duñer	1	0	1	0
Clark Richard Dole	7	10	7	10
William Dole	7	2	7	2
Abner Dole	3	0	3	0
Richard Dole Ju ^r	2	1	2	1
Joseph Downer Ju ^r	3	10	3	10
John Danford	0	7	0	7
Jonathan Danford	0	7	0	7
Thomas Danford	1	0	1	0
Francies Danford	0	7	0	7
Thomas Dicefon	0	2	0	2
Jonathan Emary Sen ^r	3	10	3	10
Jonathan Emary Ju ^r	2	0	2	0
Anthony Emary	3	1	3	1
Wid Hestor French	0	4	0	4
Colin Frazer	2	1	2	1
Joseph Flood	0	9	0	9
John Flood	0	7	0	7
John French	1	5	1	5
Mrs Jane Gerifh	0	9	0	9
Cor Joseph Gerifh	3	7	3	7
William Gerifh	0	7	0	7
Joseph Goodridge	1	7	1	7
Joseph Goodridge Ju ^r	1	8	1	8
Samvel Goodridge	1	1	1	1
Edmund Goodridge	2	2	2	2
John Grant	0	7	0	7
Maurick Gilman	1	5	1	5

	MONEY		AS MONEY	
	s	d	s	d
Richard Goodwin	0	7	0	7
Joseph Garner	2	0	2	0
Cap ^t Th ^o Hale	9	9	9	9
John Hale	5	11	5	11
Joseph Hale Ju ^r	2	5	2	5
Joseph Hale Sen ^r	0	4	0	4
Jonathan Hereman	0	2	0	2
John Homes	1	1	1	1
Thomas Hason	0	1	0	1
Mr Samvel Hale	3	10	3	10
Eleezer Hutfon	1	0	1	0
L Stephen Jaquic	8	5	8	5
Richard Jaquic	0	11	0	11
W Abigill Ilfley	2	9	2	9
Serj Joseph Ilfley	5	10	5	10
Joseph Ilfley Ju ^r	2	8	2	8
Serj James Jackman	6	2	6	2
C Richard Jackman	2	8	2	8
Richard Jackman Ju ^r	1	0	1	0
James Jackman Ju ^r	0	9	0	9
Mr William Johnson	2	5	2	5
Serj John Kent	0	10	0	10
Cap ^t Richard Kent	7	5	7	5
Mr James Kent	8	0	8	0
Mr John Knight	2	0	2	0
Enf Joseph Knight	5	5	5	5
Corp ^r Richard Knight	3	1	3	1
Serj Benjamin Knight	4	3	4	3
James Knight	2	3	2	3
Joseph Knight Ju ^r	1	0	1	0
Nathanil Knight	0	9	0	9
Richard Kelley	4	3	4	3
John Kenney	4	2	4	2
Sam ^l Kenney	0	7	0	7
Mrs Mary Lunt	2	8	2	8
John Little	2	3	2	3
Triftram Little Sen ^r	2	4	2	4

	MONEY		AS MONEY	
	s	d	s	d
Henry Lunt Sen ^r	1	3	1	3
Henry Lunt Ju ^r	1	5	1	5
Gidian Lowl	1	7	1	7
Richard Lowl	2	0	2	0
Stephen Lavnick	1	5	1	5
Stephen Longfelo	1	8	1	8
D Will ^m Moodey	8	5	8	5
Corp ^l John Moodey	4	2	4	2
Enf Sam ^l Moodey	5	2	5	2
W Sarah Mors	3	6	3	6
Mr Joseph Mayo	2	7	2	7
Hugh Matthes	1	1	1	1
Edmund Moars Sen ^r	2	11	2	1
Edmund Moars Jun ^r	1	5	1	15
Peter Moars	0	9	0	9
Mark Moars	1	0	1	0
Coll ^o John March	2	1	2	1
Cap ^t Ifaac Mirrick	1	0	1	0
Cle : John March	6	4	6	4
John Mitchil	3	0	3	0
Joseph Muzzey	1	10	1	0
D Cutting Noyes	4	6	4	16
Capt James Noyes	8	4	8	4
Timothy Noyes	4	2	4	2
Daniel Noyes	6	6	6	6
John Noyes Sen ^r	3	6	3	6
Cutting Noyes Jun ^r	3	2	3	2
Joseph Noyes Sen ^r	0	11	0	1
John Noyes Ju ^r	3	1	3	11
Mofes Noyes	0	8	0	8
Wid Ledia Pierce	11	9	11	9
Jofhva Pierce	2	6	2	6
John Pierce	1	1	1	1
Mrs Mery Pierce	0	4	0	4
Joseph Poor Sen ^r	1	8	1	8
Joseph Plamer Ju ^r	3	9	3	9
Jonathan Plumer	3	0	3	0

	MONEY		AS MONEY	
	s	d	s	d
Ephraim Plum̄er	3	2	3	2
M ^r Silvanos Plum̄er	5	7	5	7
Joshva Plum̄er	3	2	3	2
Sam ^l Plum̄er Sen ^r	0	10	0	0
John Plum̄er	0	7	0	17
Samuel Plum̄er Ju ^r	0	11	0	11
m ^r John Pike	6	4	6	4
Wid Susanah Pike	1	2	1	2
Benjamin Pike	2	3	2	3
Thomas Pike	1	1	1	1
Matthew Pettinggall	3	2	3	2
Matthew Pettinggall Ju ^r	1	0	1	0
Nathanil Pettinggall Sen ^r	2	4	2	4
Nathanil Pettinggall Ju ^r	1	10	1	10
John Pettinggall	0	10	0	10
Nicholas Pettinggall	1	5	1	5
Samvel Pettinggall	1	4	1	4
Richard Pettinggall	1	10	1	10
Joseph Pettinggall	0	10	0	10
Thomas Pettinggall	0	10	0	10
Cap ^t John Pirson	0	4	0	4
L: Jeremiah Pirson	2	2	2	2
Benjamin Pirson	4	10	4	10
Wid Sarah Pettinggall	0	3	0	3
Stephe Pirsons widow	0	7	0	7
Jonathan Poor	4	7	4	7
Henr[y] Poor	0	7	0	7
Benjamin Plum ^r sen ^r	0	8	0	8
Abarham Rowil	2	5	2	5
John Rolf	4	7	4	7
Samvel Rolf	0	10	0	10
Henry Rolf	5	3	5	3
John Richards	1	4	1	4
John Roberson	1	3	1	3
Edward Richardson Ju ^r	1	4	1	4
Henry Short	2	11	2	11
John Short	3	6	3	6

	MONEY		AS MONEY	
	s	d	s	d
Clerk John Smith	3	2	3	2
Ebenezer Sergeant	1	4	1	4
Stephen Swett	2	9	2	9
Moses Stickney	0	10	0	10
Henry Sewall	4	2	4	2
Joseph Swezey	0	7	0	7
Serj Daniel Thurston	6	10	6	10
Edmund Titcomb	2	7	2	7
Peter Tappan	4	4	4	4
Serj Sam ⁿ Tappan	4	4	4	4
John Tappan	1	7	1	7
Thomas Thorlo	2	2	2	2
John Thorlo	2	1	2	1
Abraham Thorlo	0	7	0	7
C: Richard Walker	5	5	5	5
Widow Woodman	1	9	1	9
David Woodman	3	6	3	6
Benjamin Woodman	0	11	0	11
John Wicomb	3	10	3	10
Joseph Willit	1	2	1	2
James Wise	1	0	1	0
Gorg Whits Estate	0	3	0	3
Elias Whitton	1	1	1	1
m ^r Johnathan Wheler	1	0	1	0
David Wood	0	2	0	2
Nathan Wheler	4	2	4	2
Moses Stockbridge	0	7	0	7
Philip Goodridge	4	9	4	9

SOLDIERS IN THE CANADA EXPEDITION.

The names of such sould^{rs} y^t voluntarily listed o^rselves
for y^e canda expedition out of maj^r S: regement.

John Hartshorde sen^r, Hav^rll, [Haverhill]

Pasco Chubb, Andd, [Andover]

Benj Goodridge Jun^r

W^m Bolton Jun^r

John Wolingford p^r serj noyes

Jonathan Hayns

Sam Georg

Wm Chalvce

Ralph Blasdell

Thomas Barnard

John Prowse

Ephraim Hoyt

Thomas Haynes

Joseph Gold

Benj Kimball

Thomas Carltone

Daniell Ela

Joshua Swan

John Neph

Thomas Titcomb

John Hendrick

Zach Ayres

John Badger Ju^r

Edward Goodwin

John Daus

William Sergeant sen^r

John Huse

Jn^o Clark

Benj Poer

Stepⁿ Bolton

Jn^o Browne Ju^r

Rich^d Kent

James Anderton, sea

Edward Beale

Caleb Moody

Georg Evanson

} p^r cap^t Greenleaf.

} p^r cap^t Greenleaf

Jabez Musgrove

Henry Dow

y^e above nam^d sold. listed & was wth me from June 26 to July 4.

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THE NEWBURY WATCH, 1691.

To m^r Henry Short: June y^e 15 1691.

Thes are in y^{er} majesties Names to Requiar you to take y^e care of y^e watch, euery night they are alike Requi to come to your house to take y^{er} charge, you are to order y^{em} to go to george Littells garison and ther one of y^{em} are to keepe y^{er} post all y^e night y^e rest are to walke to y^e mill Bridge and from thence to Antony Morfes House & els where acording to your discrefsion, the number of men belonging to your care & charge are under exprest they are to begin y^e watch halfe an oure after funfet and to continu till sunrise, they are to be in number three a night, and in case any man neglect his deuty and doe not appeare at your house to take his charge you are to suppli his place and put another man in his Roome and you are Required to send y^e next morning for a shil [ling] in money & in case he Refuse to pay, you are to returne his nam to y^e captin he belongs to y^t he may be proceded with as y^e Law derects, you are to take care that they are legaly warned from time to time of this faile not.

m^r Richard Dole Jr William Dole christemr pottell
Abner Dole Abaham fall [Samuell?] plumar Joshua
plumar Daniel cheney Sr Daniell cheney Ju John
Emarfon Hugh mathews John webster filuanus plumar
fransis willet Sr fransis willett Ju Joseph willet Dan-
iell goodridge Ephrim plumar Joseph Ilsly Nathaniell
Bricket Jonathan Emary John pike Joseph pike Ju
James Jackman Sr James Jackman Ju Benjamin palmer
Richard Jackman George Major John Hall John
Richards Joseph goodridge John Kelly Sr John Kelly

Ju Richard Kelly James Badger John moody Henry
Lunt Cutting moody John Knight James Knight
Benjamin Knight Thomas Noyes John Noyes John
michell william moody george Littell Jacob parker
Robart mingo William Ilsly John Ilsly Timothy
[Noyes?] Henry akers,

Daniel Peirc Capt,
Thomas Noyes capt,
Stephen Greenlef capt
Jacob Toppan, Ensigne
Cutting Noyes lieut,
Joseph Knight []
Henry Somerby cornet

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SALE OF SPANISH INDIAN BOY.

Receved of Richerd Kelly of Newbry the sum of thorty
eayght povnd in full mony for a spanish ingon boy
named sesor by our iudgments under 10 eyrs old in the
eyr of 1714 reseved by me this day of ienry being the 15
of inery 1713, i say by me,

Cutting Noyes.

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REV. CHRISTOPHER TOPPAN'S LETTER ON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIANS.

Aug: 11. 1721.

Honour^{bl} Sr.,

Please to pardon my boldness, for troubling you
to read a few lines more — That exprefion in my writing,
which your Honour Intimated you did not well under-
stand, viz: that the Indians should have convenient Lands
allowed y^m for themselves and Posterity, I meant thus

that in case, it be found, that the Indians formerly disposed of so much of their Land as that they have not left Lands convenient, for themselves, that then so much, as may be thought proper, of what was purchast of them, should be relinquish'd to them again — further to open what I Intend I'd offer a few things

1. That the Indians were the first Proprietors of the Lands in this Country.

2. That yy. had in themselves power to dispose off and convey away^d Lands.

3. That what Lands yy. formerly Sold and conveyed away yy. can have no just Claim unto, Now! I make no doubt but as your Honour sayes, yy. have as full, and firm a Right, to their Lands as any white men have to theirs but that I presume your Honour means, Lands yy. have not sold.

4. That if thro Imprudence and Inadvertency they have formerly conveyed away, so much of their Land, to the English as that if what be conveyed away be taken up and settled, by the English there be not convenient places left for themselves and Posterity, I think it very agreeable to Reason and Religion that the Government take care that such places as may be thought convenient be allowed them, and Recompence made to such Persons (whose Predecessours formerly purchased^d Land of the Indians) of Province Lands elsewhere.

5. That the Government having offered and done what may reasonably be thought Just and fair on this score, that then if the Indians continue y^r Insolent carriages — the English may justly commence a warr against them and expect Gods blessing to be with them, in their Endeavours to subdue them; and in the mean time, that the English in the Eastern parts may be secure and safe I see no way, but for the Governmt to keep out some hundreds of men or a sufficient number to keep the Indians in awe, till the People are become strong enough, to defend themselves which yy. would in a few years be, were yy. compelled to settle regularly, and secured from fear and danger, by a sufficient Army, kept, in a body, in those parts, well provided with snow shooes for the Winter and a sufficient

Number of whale-boats for passage by water in the summer. — but lett me not forgett to mention here that I cant but think it a duty to make further offers of the Gospell to them and by degrees to Instill into yr. minds the true Doctrines of Religion, doubtles some of them might be gained more especially if the Fryers could be fairly removed from among them. — I went this last Spring to the East-ward, and, being at Damariscotty on a Sabbath Day, there being a family there and several persons besides, I preacht to them both forenoon and afternoon, and there being hard by, an Indian Wigwam belonging to it a Nefop and his squaw he about seventy and shee near an hundred years of Age not able to stand or goe, both mentained by a Kinsman a young pretty fellow, who went a hunting and returned once a week or fort-night and brought them provisions to live upon. The old sonnop came of his own accord on the sabbath Day to hear the word preacht and gave diligent Attention. The subject I insisted on was that in Rom: 10. 13. and whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved, and in the application I applyed my self to the Indian, shewing that y^r nation if yy. called a right on the name of the Lord should be saved as well as the English, or any other, the next day I went to his Wigwam, he told me me very good speak-um yesterday and desired me to speak to his squaw, all one I speak yesterday for that very good. — I went severall times to his Wigwam and gave the best advice I could to the poor old Woman shee seemed to understand what I said but was not seemingly so much affected therewith, as her husband; the day I came away he came on board the vessell and praied me to goe once more to his Wigwam and speak to his old squaw about God and Christ, and Heaven, for may be, me never see her any more, so I went again, and at my coming away the old man took me by the hand expressing a great deal of thankfullness for the counsell and advice I had given his squaw. — In my discourse with the old-man I us't to mention and open the Articles of the Chriitian Religion which he allways readily asented unto and I am perswaded that by prudent methods in managing of them sundry of them mig[ht] be wrought upon and amongst other methods I have thou[ght] — but why should

I presume to dictate to any who know much better than my self what will best fence the Interests of our glorious Lord in whose service that I may be found faithfull lett me have your prayers, as you have his, who is fr. your most humble servt.

Christopher Toppan.

Rect Aug^t 14th

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BILL OF SALE OF A NEGRO.

I the subscriber of Newbury Do one & acknoledg that I have sold to mr Richard Kelly a nagrow man called Reuben: for which I have Received on Hundred pound in Billes of Credet to my full satisfaction as wittnes my hand & sale this fourth Day of novembr on thousand seven hundred & Twenty five

wittnes.

Jonathan Poore

John Hale

Benjamin Hale

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THE TRUSTIES FOR MANAGING THE INTEREST OF THE FIRST BANK MONEY, CRE TO THE TOWN OF NEWBURY.

DR.

To the Interest of the first Bank money put into } £489..4..5
their hands

By apreasant made to Kittery for y ^e Meeting H.	50.. 0.. 0
By apreasant made to Tho ^s Moody	25.. 0.. 0
By apreasant made to Cor ^l Gerrish	20.. 0.. 0
By apreasant made to M ^r Somersby	5.. 0.. 0
By a Law Book	5.. 0.. 0
By Stephen Hale	5.. 0.. 0
By Cor ^l Rich ^d Kent	10.. 0.. 0
By what was left in the Trusties Hands	344..17..11
	£464..17..11
Not account'd for	24.. 6.. 6
	£489.. 4.. 5

Dr MESS. NATHL. COFFIN, CAPT. HENRY ROLF & CR
Wm TITCOMB TRUSTIES TO THE TOWN
1731 OF NEWBURY.

May 14	To so much left in their Hands of what's left of the Interest of the first Bank money	}	344..17..11
1734	To the Interest due on Cap March & Lunts		
Oct ^r	Bond from y ^e 18 of May 1731 to the 23 ^d of Octobr 1734 on £73:18:4	}	15.. 4.. 3
	3yrs. 5m. 5days at 6 per cent		
D ^o .	To Ditto of Cap March & Doles Bond from y ^e 24 of Decebr. 1731 to y ^e 23 ^d of October 1734 on 53..17.. at 6 p Cent. 2 yrs 10m.		

1731		
May —	By a Bond of Cap ^t . Jn ^o . March & M ^r Lunts for	£ 73..18.. 4
	By Ditto of Cap ^t Jn ^o . March's & W ^m . Doles for	53..17.. 0
	By Cap ^t . Jn ^o . Greenleafs Note	23.. 0.. 0
	By y ^e Hon ^{ble} Nath ^l . Coffins Note of hand for	45.. 3.. 6
	By Stephen Cresburys Note	1.. 0.. 0
	By managing the afores ^d . money as they say at 20 p C ^t .	97..16..10
		<hr/> £299..15..18
	Not accounted for	45.. 2 .. 3
		<hr/> £344..17..11

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SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUILDING A SHIP IN NEW ENGLAND.

Bristol 17 January 1733.

DEMENTIONS for a New Ship, to be Built at Boston in New England of 58 Foot Keel & 21 Foot Beame. 12 Foot Rake by the Stem & 5 by y^e Post; 9½ Foot in y^e Hould from under y^e Lower Deck Beame to the Ceiling, & 3 Foot 10 Inches between Decks from under y^e upper Deck Beames to y^e Lower Deck; & to Carry her Breadth well forward even to y^e after part of y^e fore Channell Viz^t.

Length of Keele & Breadth of Beame Measur'd as

Customary; The Breadth of her Floor from Surmark to Surmark. 11 Foot. & 7 or 8 Inches Dead Riseing; The Floor Timbers to be 12 Inches Square. The Stem to be a Good Crooked Piece & one that will tread well in proportion. The Stern Post Likewise to be a Good Piece & both pieces not Lefs then 10 Inches; The Keele 12 Inches deep & 10 Inches thick wth a Good false Keele on it of 3 Inches thick & Nail'd well on.

Transom 15½ Foot high & 16 Broad & 12 Inches Square, y^e Harpin to be so many Foot high as y^e Builder thinks fitt & that will give the Ship a Good Sheare, not too much nor too Little but middling in proportion to w^t they Build.

12 Inches high in y^e Waste wth a Rise for a foreCastle another abaft at the Main Mast for a halfe Deck both of 10 or 12 Inches wth 2 Hances proper for each Rise wth a Plank Raile from Hance to Hance Sett on 4 Timbers Left for that purpose, y^e 2 Bulk Heads for y^e fore Castle & halfe Deck to be 4 Inches thick at Least & Timbers left up at each Hance wth Crutches of a proper Heighth fitt to put spare Topmast in.

11 Flat Timbers not to Varey in y^e Least but placed on y^e Apron of y^e Keele of one Heighth & Length but so as to make a Fair Body & Good Work & 10 Inches a sunder & thicknefs as above 12 Inches & 8 Inches at y^e Rung Heads y^e Rest of y^e Floor Timbers of y^e Same Thicknefs both before & abaft & to Carry their Length well so as to give a good Long Floor & to rise in proportion from y^e Middle of y^e Keele afton & from y^e foremost Flatt forward to Content so as to make a Cleane Tail & Good Entrance.

The Lower Futtocks 9 Inches Broad & 8 Inches thick at y^e Rung Head & Grow'd Rounding fitt for their Work. y^e upper Futtocks 8 Inches Broad & 7 Inches thick & not Lefs then 6 Inches at y^e Bend. y^e Topp Timbers 7 Inches thick at Foot & not Lefs then 4½ Inches on the Topp; all these Timbers before Mentioned to be of Good White Oak & every Timber & Futtock to Butt & Butt wth a square Butt & no Lefs Scarf then 4½ Foot or 4 at Least.

A Good Kelson to Run from Stem to Stern & a Good

Knee fixed against y^e Stern Post; y^e Foots of y^e Stern & Bow Timbers to be well chock'd & Boulted & a Good broad apron on y^e Stem not Lefs then Then 6½ Inches thick wth 2 Breast Hooks in y^e Hould one pretty low down y^e other to Lodg y^e Lower deck on & to Come well Round y^e Bows 2 Breast Hooks between decks, one in the middle y^e other to Lodg the Fore Castle Deck on to Come well Round y^e Bows & arm'd so as it may take y^e Nuckle & some other Timbers in. The Quarter & Stern Timbrs to Rake well according to Pleasure wth a Good Transom athoart them & well kneed 2 good Hafs peices forward of a Good thicknefs, good Timbr & Long Enough to Run Low down in the Bows so as they may be firm & y^e Catt Heads to Turn from y^e Hafs peices & not to Lodg on y^e Deck; Lower Deck to Lodg on y^e Transom abaft & the Beams to be 11 Inches thick & 12 Broad to Round 7 or 8 Inches all Double Kneed with Knees Grown to their Work & y^e Beams 4½ or 5 Foot asunder wth Ledges & Garlands in proportion. The Beams of y^e upper Deck to Round according to discretion & to be 7½ Inches thick & 10 Inch^s Broad all Double Kneed wth Lodging Knees Grown to their Work. Except a Good Hanging Knee of each side at y^e Bulk Head of y^e foreCastle & halfe Deck abaft, the Beams 4½ or 5 Foot asunder wth Ledges & Garlands in proportion. The halfe Deck & foreCastle deck Beams to be 4½ Inches thick & 7 Inch^s Broad to Round according to discretion all Double Kneed wth Knees Grown to their Work. The Ship to be Plank'd wth Good White Oak from y^e Keele to y^e Bend of 2½ Inch thick Except 2 Streaks of 3 Inch & one of 3½ Inch^s at y^e point of y^e Buldg. one Streak of 3 Inch & one of 3½ Inch under y^e Bend. 2 Bends one on Top of y^e other 9 Inches Broad & 5½ Thick one Streak of 3 Inch Plank upon Top of y^e Bends & one on Top of that of 2½ Inch y^e Rest 2 Inch Plank to y^e Gunil Except a Channell Bend of 8 Inches Broad & 3½ Inch^s thick to Carry a Round side & to Tumble in at y^e Channell Bend & then turn off to y^e Gunill so as to make a Handsom side every Streak of Plank to be Work'd fair & none Broader then 9 or 10 Inches at most.

The Ceiling in y^e Hould & between decks to be 2 Inch White Oak Plank Except 2 Streaks of 2½ Inch & one of

3 Inch Plank on the Rung Heads or points of y^e Buldg & one of 2½ Inch y^e other of 3 Inch upon Top of that for Riseing under y^e Lower Deck one of 2½ Inch^s for Riseing und^r y^e upper Deck & one of 2½ Inch for Spurcut riseing on y^e Lower deck, all y^e planks both wth in & wth out to be free from sapp. All y^e Decks to be Laid wth full 2 or 2¼ Inch Deale Plank free from Sapp & a Good Length at Least 30 Foot Long Except a 2 or 2¼ Inch Oak Plank for Water way & 4 Inch Oak for Partners on y^e Lower Deck. The upper deck Waterways must be Thick Oak & Gruff down so as to make a Good Seam above y^e Deck, y^e Partners of Oak Plank 2½ Inch thick both before & abaft & y^e halfe Deck to Run aft wth a Faire Sheare so as it may be 5 Foot 9 Inches in y^e Cabin under y^e Beame & y^e Quick Work on Top of y^e Deck 6 or 7 Inches high & 7 or 8 on y^e Fore Castle & all y^e upper deck Plank both for Main & halfe Deck to Run y^e full Length of y^e Deck so as there may be no Butts.

A Good false Stern Post & Rudder & ye Counter to be Plank'd wth good 2½ Inch Oak Plank y^e Stern wth 2½ Inch Deale Plank, a Good Drum headed Capson for 6 or 8 Barrs & Fix'd in his Place. A Good Substantiall Windlist & Bitts of 6 Inches thick & 18 or 19 Broad & fix'd up high Enough from y^e Deck so as it mayn't hinder the Loop Holes in y^e Bulk Head of y^e Fore Castle under.

A Good Head Cutt Water & Badges wth Top Sail Sheet Bitts afore & abaft & those before to go down to y^e Lower deck & be so substantial & Strong so as to make a Gallows to Step y^e Bow sprit in w^{ch} must be well Chock'd both above & below. To find Crofstrees Trufsletrees Anchor Stocks, Cleets for y^e Yards & Masts as may be Wanting.

A Main Hatch Way wth Hatches, an after Hatchway wth Hatches & Grateings for y^e halfe Deck & Likewise a Grateing wth high Combings for y^e foreCastle, a small scuttle to go down out of y^e foreCastle, another abaft in y^e Cabin to go down in y^e Powder Roome 2 Ports Cutt out & Hanged through y^e Counter for Stern Chase one of each side in y^e Cabbin 2 of each side in y^e Steridge thes Ports to be of an Equal Distance one from y^e other as neare as Can be & to be between 20 & 24 Inches from y^e Lower Deck all of y^e Same heighth as y^e Gun Carriges

may serve y^e one as well as y^e other if need be all Hanged well & Lind & so as they Shut Close & Contrive so as they don't Cutt into y^e Plank thats below them on y^e outside But that y^e 2 Streaks above y^e Bends may Run fair along, one Port to be Cutt out Hang'd & Lin'd of each side of y^e foreCastle & y^e Lower Sell to be so as it may be Cleare of y^e 2 Streaks above y^e Bend, a Tiller fitted to y^e Rudder a Well Built in y^e Hould to find oakham & be well Caulk'd all over to find Pitch & a Coate of White Stuff for her bottome. To be Truneld wth good dry White Oak well Seasoned Trunels, all y^e Timber & Plank to be well Season'd & that Plank thats above y^e Bends must be through Dry Sufficient Timbers Left to Come through ye Gunils of both sides fitt to belay to wth Stantions & Rails for a Breast Work at y^e Bulk head of y^e halfe Deck & Double Timbers fixed to Come through y^e gunil of each side y^e halfe Deck so as to make Round Ports & 2 in y^e Starn through y^e Taferell wth Timbers of each side to be Strong Enough to bare a Cable if it should be put out through y^e Starn as it will sometimes be; wth Good Substantiall Rails fix'd on them, breast high, wth Chestrees & Sundry other things as maynt be heare thought of & may be Wanting all finished & done in a Workmanlike manner & Ship Built to Content.

We would have her to be Built so as she may be a Flooty Ship and not to draw above $11\frac{1}{2}$ Foot of Water when Loaden if Lefs y^e better, to Sail well in order to, she must have a Cleane Tail Carried Fair without Hollows & a Good Entrance wth a Round Harpin to keep her up & a Round Taught Body so as she may Carry Sail; & be Stiff not only when she is Loaden but at her Light Water mark; as she may Shift without Ballast if Pofsible to be done, for we shall want her to Shift in Wild Roads & wth as Little Ballast as pofsible, so it will Suite us to to have a Stiff Shifting Ship w^{ch} will be no hindrance to her Sailing. Wittnefs our Gallys in y^e Last Warr was so, & Saild as well as most Ships in England w^{ch} we should be Glad if this did, dont forgett to rise at y^e middle of y^e Keele afton Gradually & Fair not Quick up at once abaft; & as we shall send a Ship over wth all Materialls so we shall not Want all y^e Masts & yards as is Common but you may

agree for to have them as Customary & w^t we dont take oblidge y^e Builder to alow for.

Mind to agree that 2 Foot of y^e 58 Foot Keele to be given in as if it was out of y^e Rake, w^{ch} is Common & so as we may pay but for 56 Foot & that she must be Finished & Launched in all August at farthest, but sooner if Pofsible & Call'd y^e Bristol Merchant. If there is anything amifs in these Dementions w^{ch} may be mended & for our Interest please to Lett it be done & it will oblidge

Jn^o Winne

Walt Hawksworthy

To Mr Will^m Jones

In Bristol

To Forward to his Friend in

Boston p^r first opportunity
to New England.

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MUSTER ROLL. CAPT. MOSES TITCOMBS COMPANY.

The Muster Roll of the Company Inlisted for his Majesties Service in the Intended Expedition again^t Cape Breton under the Command of Cap^t moses Titcomb of Newbury February 26th 1744.

	AGES	CONDITION	BIRTHS	RESIDENCE
Moses Titcomb		Cap ^t	Newbury	Newbury
Sam ^l Greenough		Leiu ^t	Newbury	Newbury
Beamsly Glover		Leiu ^t	Ipfwich	Newbury
Jacob Titcomb	36	2 ^d Leutenant	Newbury	Ditto
—— Knight	28	sergeant	Newbry	Ditto
Stephen Sweett	45	coporeal	Newbury	Ditto
Rowland Stockman	27	coperaell	faibury	Ditto
Stephen atkinson	24	folidier	Newbury	Newbury
Joseph Knight	22	folidier	Newbury	Ditto
Jacob true	19	apprn	falibury	Ditto
John Horbard	22	Ditto	amfbury	Ditto
Benj ^a . Titcomb Ju	20	Ditto Som	Newbury	Ditto
Nath ^l Little	22	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Sam ^l Lowell	19	Ditto Serv ^t	amefbury	Ditto
Daniel Plumer	45	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto

	AGES	CONDITION	BIRTHS	RESIDENCE
Joseph Eaton	32	Ditto	hamptown	Ditto
Rich ^d Hale Jun	24	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto
Phillip march	17	Ditto Serv ^t	Ditto	Ditto
Moses Hoyle	28	Ditto	amioury	Ditto
Joseph stevens Ju ^r	28	Ditto Clerk	Newbury	Ditto
John Collby	18	Ditto Som	Amsbury	Ditto
Richard Carr	20	Ditto Serv ^t	falisbury	Ditto
Johnfon Lunt Ju ^r	19	Ditto Serv ^t	York	Ditto
Oliver Goodridge	22	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto
Enoch stickney	22	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto
Daniel Lunt Ju ^r	21	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto
Joseph Cheney	39	Ditto	Cambridge	Ditto
Enoch sweett	23	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto
martim Ayers	24	Ditto	Lumerick (?) Ireland	Ditto
John march 3th	20	apprentice	falisbury	Ditto
Nath ^l march	21	foldier	Newbury	Ditto
Joseph Rowell	20	appentice	Amsbury	Ditto
Will ^m Perkins	19	apprentice	lfe of fhoals	Ditto
Thomas Boardman	19	apprentice	Neubuy	Ditto
Sam ^l . Todd	21	foldier	Ditto	Ditto
John Stanwood	22	Ditto	Amsbury	Ditto
Matthew Pettingell	21	Ditto	Newbury	Ditto
David Dufton	23	Ditto	Haverhill	Ditto
James Beverly	22	Ditto	Andover	haverhill
Benjamin Prefer	22	Ditto	Amsbury	Newbury
John Harris	19	apprentice	Ipwich	Ditto
Benjamin fwett	18	Ditto ferv ^t	Newbury	Ditto
Josiah merrill	24	foldier	Ditto	Ditto
Joseph Hobson	19	foldier	Ditto	Ditto
John Couch	17	fom	Ditto	Ditto
Ebeneser Beal	18	fom	York	York
John Flood	50	foldr	Newbury	hamptown
andrew Peirce	29	Ditto	York	Newbury
Jonathan fhatfwell	35	Ditto	ipwich	Newbury
Eliphalet Noyes	21	Ditto	Newbry	Ditto
Giles Harris	20	apprentice	Ipwich	Newbury
John Dole Ju ^r	36	foldier	Newbry	Ditto
Benja. Woodman Ju	28	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto

PETITION RELATING TO A DIVISION IN THE SALISBURY
CHURCH.

January y^e 31st 1743-4.

Revrend fir

we the fubscribers being Members of the first Church of Chrif in falisbury and under your Care and Charge as our paftor: and are very Much Concerned for the peace and good order of this Church: and are very Much Greaved for the diforders y^t are prevailing amongst us and therefore would bare our testimony agaynst them and pertickulerly agaynst y^e diforders of many of our Comun-ion that Inftead of afsembling themfelves in the houfe of God hear for to hear his word preched on the Saboth days: pafs by it or remoue from it although they liue Near it and travill over to Newbury to hear Jofeph Adams preach that great disturbor of the Churches in Caufing divisions Among them w^{ch} we think as y^e apoflle faith ought to be Markt and avoided: but More Efpecialy we are grieved for and offended with feveral of the brethren of this church for Inviting and InCuraging Adams to Come over and preach in their houfes hear without your approbation and Contrary to your Mind and the major part of this Church therefore we pray that you would warn a Church Meeting that we may labour to convince them y^t we are offended wth of their error and y^e divifions and Contentions they are very likely to make in this Church by their diforderly proCeedings in InCourging Adams to preach hear w^{thout} your Confent w^{ch} practice the minifters in y^e province have bore a publik testimony agaynst and if our Brethren will be Convinced of these diforders and reform them we hope we fhall Enjoy peace and love in this Church: but if they perfift in them we fhall look upon them as diforderly walkers and to be dealt with as fuch: and we further bare our testimony agaynst any minifters preaching in our parish w^{thout} the approbation of our minifter and y^t no man y^t has not had a libirall education preach or exhort in a publik manner in our parrish without the Confent of y^e minifter & Church and we further bare our folomn testimony agaynst all fin and Imorality and that if any member of this church fhall be guilty

of lying ftealing fwearing drunkenes or faboth Brakeing
or any other great tranfgresion and it Can be proved he
fshall appear before y^e Church and be publickly admon-
ifhed and if any refufe fo to do they fhall be denied the
facrement: this our teftimony we refolve to ftand too by
y^e help of God fo far as lys in our power for the fuppref-
ing of fin and diforder in our Church—

W ^m Bradbury	Wm Carr	Nathanael fitts
Rich rd walker	John Weed	georg Brown
Natha ^l Brown	Richad Fitts	John Buswell
matthew Pettingell	John Allen	Caleb Cufhing Jun ^r
Thomas fellows	Nathaniel Easman	Mofes Merrill ju.
Robat Carr	Richard Long	Ebenezer Brown
John Stevens	Mofef Merrill	Daniel fitts
Isaac Buswel	Elias Pike	Timothy Townsend
	John pike	
	Henry Eaton	
	Stephen Merrill	

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GUN LIST CAPT SAM^L GERRISH'S COMPANY.

Reed of Capt Sam^l Gerrifh Sixty two Guns. as witnis
our Hands.

Castle William April y^e 28th 1759

David Jaquis	Abraham Swett
Enoch Thurfton	Samuel Danford
Samuel Bayley	John Lakeman
Samuel Gardner	Joseph fofter
Joseph Coker	Nathaniel Howard
Makepace Colby	David Perkins
Solmon Aubin	his mark
Thomas Williams	Thomas X Ingcanks
Nathan Poore	Parker Pillfbery
Samuel Pike	Elias cheney
Ichabod Colby	Joseph Stanwood
James Smith	Nathaniel noyes
Jonathan Godfrey	John flood
Samuel Dummer	Stephen Noyes
Samuel Gerrifh	Nehimmiah noyes

Benjamin Stickney
 Moses Dowin
 Stephen Peirce
 Henry Peirce
 Aaron Cheever
 Stephen Baly
 Jacob Currier
 Thomas Pike
 Henry Greenleaf
 John Chafe
 Ezekiel hardee
 Richard flanders
 Thomas Noyes
 Samuel Lowel
 Jofeph Ruffell
 m^r Simon Page

John Gould
 Ezek^l mighill
 Samuel Curier
 William Noyes
 Benjamin Emery
 William Samson his mark ×
 Enoch Poor
 Stephen Clark
 Mofes Poor
 Samuel Colby his mark ×
 William Turner his mark ×
 Perker Cooper his mark ×
 Reuben mace
 Sargeant Wead
 John Hutchins

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CORONERS INQUEST, OVER BODY OF JOSEPH FLOOD.

Esex S S. An Inquisition Indented & taken at Newbury within y^e Sd County of Essex on y^e Twenty fourth Day of may in y^e Thirtyth Year of his Majestys Reign George y^e Second by y^e Grace of God of Great Brittain &c — before Samuel Greenlief Gentⁿ, one of y^e Coroners of Sd Lord y^e King within y^e County of Essex afores^d Upon a view of y^e Body of Jofeph Flood juner of Newbury afore S^d then & there being dead — by the Oaths of Joseph Coffin Timothy Tapan Samuel Pierce Benjamin Colman Thomas Pierce Nathaniel Clement Isaac Noyes Joseph Rufsel Enoch Pettingal John Stickney Stephen Goodwin Daniel Knight Samuel Tapan Daniel Emery, Good & Lawfull men of Newbury afores^d within y^e County afores^d who being Charged & Sworn to Enquire for our s^d Lord y^e King when & by what means & how y^e S^d Jofeph Flood Came to his Deth upon their Oaths do say that he by Towing a Log down a Creek Called Little Pine Island Creek in Newbury Endeavouring to pufh off y^e Log from a Steep Bank Accidentaly Slipt his hold & So fell into y^e Creek Where he was Unfortunately Drowned, as wee Suppose by y^e best of our Judgments,

And so y^e Jurors Aforesd Say upon their Oaths that

y^e AforeS^d Jofeph Flood juner in maner & form Afores^d was Kill^d or came to his Deth by his own Cafulty & misfortune

Joseph Coffin
Timothy Tapan
Samuel Pierce
Benjamin Colman
Thomas Pierce
Nathaniel Clement
Isaac Noyes

Joseph Rufsel
Enoch Pettingal
John Stickney
Stephen Goodwin
Daniel Knight
Samuel Tapan
Daniel Emery

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INLISTMENT CERTIFICATE, 1759.

I Joseph Pettingill do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlifted myfelf as a private Soldier to ferve His Majefty King GEORGE in the prefent Expedition forming for the Invafion of CANADA. As Witnefs my Hand this thirty first Day of March In the Year of our Lord 1759.

Efsex County } 2nd Reg^t Joseph Pettingell
Ap^l 7th 1759 }

These are to Certify, That Joseph Pettingell

Aged Thirty Two Years, born in Newbury came before me, one of His Majefty's Juftices of the Peace for the faid County, and acknowledged to have voluntarily inlifted himfelf to ferve His Majefty King GEORGE the Second, in the above service: And that he acknowledged he had heard read unto him the Second and Sixth Sections of the Articles of War againft Mutiny and Defertion and took the Oath of Fidelity, mentioned in the Articles of War. And that he had received of Col^l Joseph Gerrish Eight Pounds two Shillings the Bounty allowed by the General Court. Sworn before

Charles Peirce

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SCHOOL IN BYFIELD.

Newbury April y^e 29th 1760.

We the Subscribers hereby Promise to pay or Cause to be paid, unto Jofhua Noyes Jun^r the Sum of Ten Pounds, for his Keeping a private School in Byfield, at the Houfe of M^r Samuel Adams, paid by the Space of three Months; which Sum is to be paid by us in proportion to the Number of Scholars we Shall Sign for.

Subscribers

Henry Adams 3 Schollars
 Samuel Adams 3 Scholars
 Samuel Longfellow 1 Scholar
 Mofes Hale 1 Scholar
 Richard Dummer 1 Scholar
 Daniel Stickney one Scholar
 Mofes Parfons Three Scholars
 John Frazer one Scholar
 Daniel Chewte one Sholar
 Mofes Woodman 2
 John Thorler 2 Scholors
 John Adams one Scholar.
 Jofhua Noyes one Scholar.

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MUSTER ROLL. COL. JOSEPH COFFIN.

THE Following Soldiers Enlisted in his Majesties Services in y^e year 1761 were mustered Attested & paid the Several Sums affixed to their Names by Col^l Joseph Coffin, as follows viz,

Joseph Leavitt	5-5-4
David Heth	5-5-4
John George	5-5-4
Joseph Cresey	5-5-4
John Row	5-5-4
Truman March	5-5-4

	William Wentworth	5-5-4
	Phinehas Bagley	5-5-4
	Jonathan Quinby	5-5-4
	Roger Blasedill	5-5-4
	Hezekiah Marsh	5-5-4
	John Hutthins	5-5-4
	Caleb Stickney	5-5-4
	William Graves	5-5-4
	Joseph Elliot	5-5-4
	Richard Goodwin	9-0-0
	Edw ^d Bishop	9-0-0
	Nath ^l Hodgskins	0-6-0
	Samuel Bayley	9-0-0
	Ebenezer Flood	9-0-0
	Francis Johnson	9-0-0
	David Perkins	9-0-0
	Enoch Boyd	9-0-0
	John Perkins	9-0-0
17-13-0	John Call	9-0-0
11- 2-4	Joseph Knight	9-0-0
<u>28-15-4</u>	John Hidden	9-0-0
	William Hogen	9-0-0
	John Gould	9-0-0
15- 0-0	Jon ^a . Osgood	5-5-4
2-6	John Kindrick	5-5-4
<u>15- 2-6</u>	Solomon Carr	5-5-4
3 12	money £	<u>212-2-0</u>

17-13 0 to Coffin to be paid by Co^l. Gerrifh

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BOND FREEING A SLAVE.

Know all Men by these Presents that I Sarah Weed of Newbury in the County of Efsex Widow am held to stand firmly bound & obliged unto Jofhua Noyes: Mofes Sawyer: Sergeant Smith: Richard Adams & Thomas Noyes: Selectmen and Treafurer of Newbury.

Selectmen of said Town of Newbury & Treafurer of the fame Town & their Succesors in said office of Treasurer in the full and just sum of fifty Pounds lawfull Money to be paid unto the said Treasurer of said Newbury, their succesors in said office of Treasurer or afsigns to which Payment well & truly to be made I bind myfelf my Heirs Executors & administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with my Seal this Twenty Second Day of September in the eighth year of his Majesty's Reign annoque Domini one thoufand feven hundred & fixty eight.

The Condition of the present Obligation is fuch that whereas the said Sarah is about to liberate & make free her Negro Man Slave named Joel & it is required by a Law of this Province that security shall be given to the Treasurer of the Town where fuch Perfon dwells as is about to make free any Negro or Molatto Slave that the same shall not be chargeable to the Town if therefore the said Sarah her Heirs Executors or administrators fhall secure & indemnify the said Town of Newbury for or about the said Joel in Case he shall by sicknefs Lamenefs or otherwise be rendered incapable to fupport himfelf then this Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full Effect.

Signed Sealed & delivered

In Presence of us the words "her
Heirs Executors or Administrators"
being interlined before sealing.

And Treafurer.

Sarah Peirce

Joseph Willet

Sarah Weed

[seal]

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NON-IMPORTATION AGREEMENT, NEWBURY, 1770.

Whereas it evidently appears to be absolutely Necessary for y^e Political welfare of this Province to Discourage & by all Lawful Means Endeavour to prevent y^e Transportation of Goods from Great Britain, & Encourage Industry, Oeconomy & Manufactures amongst our Selves

We therefore, y^e Subscribers being Willing to Contribute our Mite for the Publick Good, do hereby promise & Engage to & with each other, That we will as much as in us lies promote & Encourage y^e use & Consumption of all useful Articles Manufactured in this Province, & that we will not (Knowingly) on any pretence whatever, purchase any Goods of, or have any Concerns by way of Trade with John Bernard, James McMasters, Patrick McMasters, John Mein, Nathaniel Rogers, William Jackson, Theophilus Lillie, John Taylor, And Ame & Elizabeth Cummin, All of Boston, or Israel Williams Esq^r & son of Hatfield, or Henry Barns of Marlborough, or any Person acting by or under them or any of them, or any other person or persons whomsoever that shall or may import Goods from Great Britain contrary to y^e Agreement of y^e United Body of Merchants, or of any Persons that purchases of or Trades with them, or any of them y^e 1^d Importers before a General Importation takes place- (Debts before Contracted only excepted.)

And if it doth or may hereafter appear, that there is any Ship Builder in Newbury Port, or any other Town wheresoever in New England, that has so little Regard for y^e Publick welfare, as to undertake to Build any Ship Schooner, or Sea-faring Vessel for any Foreigner; or any other Person And takes y^e pay for y^e Same, or any part thereof, in Goods Imported Contrary to y^e Agreement of 1st Merchants, We promise & Engage not to have any Connection by way of Trade & Commerce (Debts before Contracted only excepted) with any Such Ship Builder, nor sell them any Materials for Building any such Vessels. But we will look upon all such Ship Builders (as well as Importers & Traders with Importers) as persons Distitute of y^e Principles of Common Humanity (Sway'd only by their own Private Interest) Enemies to their Country & worthy of Contempt. And whereas a great part of y^e Revenue arising by virtue of y^e Act of Parliament, is produc'd from the Duty paid on Tea. We do therefore Solemnly Promise not to purchase any Foreign Tea, or Suffer it to be us'd in our Families upon any Account untill y^e 1^d Revenue Acts are Repeal'd or a General Import-

tation takes place, and we will each one of us, as we have proper Opportunitys Recommend to all persons to do y^e same. And we do hereby of our Own free will & Accord Solemnly promise to & with Each Other, That will without Evafion or Equivocation Faithfully & truly Keep & Observe all that is above written, And whosoever fhall or may Sign these Articles, And afterwards (Knowingly) break y^e same fhall by us be esteem'd as a Covenant Breaker, an Enemy to his Country, a Friend to slavery, Deferving Contempt.

All & Singular of these Articles to Continue & Remain in Force untill y^e 1^d Acts be Repeal'd, or a General Importation takes place.

As Witnefs our Hands

Newbury March 13, 1770

Richard Adams	Joshua Coffin	Silas Rogers
Samuel Thorla	Cutting Lunt	Jacob Gerrish
Mary Secomb	John Moody	Stephen Gerrish
John Thorla	Rich. Adams sr	Samuel Adams
Jothua Noyes	James Bayley	Abraham Adams Jun ^r
Sam ^l Sawyer	Samuel Noyes	Joseph Adams Jun ^r
Robert Adams iu ^r	George Thurla	John Frazer
Abraham Adams	Abraham Thurla	William Dummer
Israel Adams	Moses Adams	Stephen Kent
Liphe Adams	John Noyes	Abraham Adams
John Adams	Moses Gerrish	Silas Adams
Edmund Adams	Paul Gerrish	Nathaniel Adams
Moses Little	Joseph Gerrish	William Grant
Sam ^l Gerrish		

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS, 1775.

Regimental Orders.

Prospect Hill 25th July 1775

Lieu^t Col. Baldwin it is expected that you will agree-able to general Orders take Post at Malding to command

the following Companies in their several stations viz Richard Dodge Barnabas Dodge and Sprague Captains at Chelsea also Cap Linsey destined to the same place to relieve Capt Rogers who is to repair immediately to Malden in the Room of Cap^t ——— belonging to the late Col Gardners Regiment and occupy the s^d Cap^{ts} Post You are likewise to take in your Command Cap^t John Wood's Company who is to repair to Medford and supply the port that Cap^t Hall of s^d Col Gardners Regiment now occupies. All such Intelligence as you shall think advantageous to the service is from day to day to be given to the General.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered and Directed to Hold yourself and the Regiment Under your Command in Readiness to March at a Moments Warning from me or y^e Maj^r General that Such of them as May be Drawn Out By a Former Order for y^e Defence of their Country to the place they may Be Ordered Without the Least Delay Here of you may not fail

Given under my hand at Ipswich May y^e 20th 1776
To Col^o Daniel Spafford Esq^r

Michial Farley Brigd

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MUSTER ROLL, CAPT. STEPHEN KENT'S COMPANY.

A Muster Roll of the Officers & Soldiers in the Company commanded by Capⁿ Stephen Kent raised for the Defence of the Sea Coast in the County of Essex & Colony of the Massachusetts Bay & Stationed in Newbury from the first

Day of November to the Ninth Day of December 1775
inclusively being the Time they were discharged from the
Service.

NAMES.	RANK.	TIME IN SERVICE.		WAGES DUE.
		MONTH.	DAYS.	
Stephen Kent	Captain	1	" 11	£7.. 8..6
Dudley Colman	1 st Lieu ^t	1	" 11	4..19..0
Richard Pettingell	2 ^d Lieut	1	" 11	4.. 6..7½
Daniel Knight	Sarjeant	1	" 11	3.. 0..6
John Pearfon	Sarj ^t	1	" 11	3.. 0..6
Josiah Goodrich	Sarj ^t	1	" 11	3.. 0..6
Hezekiah Goodhue	Sarj ^t	1	" 11	3.. 0..6
Parker Jaques	Corporal	1	" 11	2..15
John Hidden	Corp ^l	1	" 11	2..15
Ebenezer Brown	Corp ^l	1	" 11	2..15
Edward Swazey	Corp ^l	1	" 11	2..15
Samuel Pearfon	Drummer	1	" 11	2..15
George Blunt	Fifer	1	" 11	2..15
<i>Rank & File.</i>				
Joseph Lunt		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Enoch Hale		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Andrew Stickney		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
James Safford		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Moses Aker		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Isaac Tilton		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Ebenezer Moody		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Joseph Poor		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
John Sweat		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
David Boynton		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Samuel Pettingell		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Isaac Adams		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Josiah Pettingell		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Joseph Allen		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
William Bayley		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Rich ^d Flanders		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Stephen Mitchell		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Daniel Knight Jun ^r		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
John Dole		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
William Brown		1	" 11	2.. 9..6

NAMES.	RANK.	TIME IN SERVICE.		WAGES DUE.
		MONTH.	DAYS.	
Silas Dole		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Caleb James		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
John Cheever		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
David Stickney		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
John Bly		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Benj ^a Woodwell		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Elias Cook		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Amos Stickney		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Benj ^a Jackman		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Benj ^a Maine		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
Cutting Pettingell		1	" 11	2.. 9..6
David Stickney		0	" 6	1..13..7
				£123..14..2½

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PETITION FROM SELECTMEN OF NEWBURY ON MILITARY
AFFAIRS, 1775.

To the honourable Council & house of Representatives of the State of y^e Mafsachusetts-Bay, in Gen^rl Court afsembled; may it please your honr^s.

We the fubscribers, Select-men of y^e Town of Newbury, beg leave to addrefs your honr^s by way of Remon-
itranee & Petition givig you a juft relation of feveral
Facts, the truth whereof we are ready to make appear, &
which we humbly conceive to be grievances, which noth-
ing but a mifunderitang of the matters related, would
have prevailed, with the honorable Court, to have sub-
jected us unto. On the 19th day of April AD. 1775.
our minutemen & others were called upon to march to y^e
afsitance of our dittrefs Brethren at Cambridge; on y^e 20th
day, of the fame month, we followed them with provifion
necefsary for their support:— In about two days after

they arrived at Cambridge, they informed us that they had received our provision in plenty, but were obliged to eat it uncooked, they being destitute of Kettles to cook it in. whereupon your Remonstrants & petitioners procured nineteen tin Kettles, ten Coffee pots & seventeen Sauce-pans, all amounting to the value of three pounds, eleven Shillings & five pence, & delivering them to the Captains of the two minute companies, belonging to Newbury, we received their receipts for the same. The Commissary & Committee of Supplies refused to pay us for y^e s^d Kettles, Coffee pots, Sauce pans or our trouble; altho' we were at the expence of both the above mentioned Captains from Newbury Going to the Commissarys office, at Cambridge, & to the s^d Committee also, before whom were produced Receipts that the above s^d articles were received for the use of this Colony, yet no payment was made. We then petitioned the Gen^l Court of the Colony for the Payment of the same, sending the receipts from the Captains, as vouchers in our favor; but for reasons unknown to us, were denied y^e Payment of the same.

In obedience to a Resolve of Congress bearing date y^e 23rd of April A.D. 1775 ordering us to provide Blankets for the non commissioned officers & Soldiers in the province Service belonging to this particular Town: & Blankets being inprocurable of the Merchants in the neighbouring Towns, we were obliged to get them or at least a great part of them in particular Families, one or two in a place, in different parts of the Town; this necessitated us to expend much of our time; we have also obey'd the several orders of Congress so far as was in our power, such as procuring clothing for the Army, the urgent necessity of which obliged us to send the s^d clothing at three different times, at two of which the clothing was collected in small quantities from more than two hundred places in different parts of the Town, the collecting of which we doubt not but you are sensible must cost us much Time, fatigue & care. We have endeavored to the utmost of our power to obey the orders for Pork, Beans, Vinegar &c. The several articles of Blanketing, Provision & Clothing we have sent to the several places mentioned in our orders,

to the value of seven hundred & one pounds. For collecting the above articles, making out proper Bills to the several Committees, or persons ordered to receive them, for receiving the money, & paying it out in such very small quantities, & for our time & expence in performing the same, we petitioned the Great & Gen^l Court of this State to allow us two & an half per Cent Commifsions; but were denied, altho' the same honorable Court as we are enformed has seen fit to allow five per Cent Commifsions to Gentlemen at Newbury-Port for Service done within the small compafs of that Town. And now may it please your honr^s we petition & request you that a revision of these matters may speedily take place: & we would furthermore request your attention to certain other grievances of a later date: by an order of Congress bearing date y^e 9th day of May A.D. 1775. we were ordered to hire Guns for the use of the Army & to take Bills of the persons lending s^d Guns, & receipts of the Soldiers who received them & to render the same to the Committee of Supplies: we were to promise 6/ for the use of each Gun, & Payment for them if not returned. In compliance with the s^d Order, we borrowed four Guns taking Bills of the persons lending & receipts of those Soldiers who received them & sent them to the Committee of Supplies together with the price of each Gun, expecting them to be returned with the hire, or paid for according to order.

After the Rolls for that campaign were made up we were called upon for those Guns which we had borrowed and being informed that the Soldiers, to whom s^d Guns were delivered, had enlisted into the continental Service, & that they had drawn arms out of the Store; we then hired a man & sent to know whether s^d Guns were taken into the Store, & our messenger returning informed us that they were not taken into the Store, he then went to the office, & found that they were not entered in the Rolls of the Company then going to the place where s^d Company had been stationed he found that one of them had been sold and the money left for it: another left & the fix Shillings for the use of it paid the other two he found but they were both unfit for Service; the Barrel & Stock

of one of them were both split; the other had the Barrel bent, the Bayonet & Ramrod both loft & the Lock so damaged that it was unfit for Service: &, in a word, both of the two Guns last mentioned were not valuable enough to have payed the expence we were at in recovering them: one of the Guns was appraised at forty two shillings, & the other at thirty Shillings.

Moreover by an order of Court bearing date December A.D. 1775 we were ordered to send three tons of english Hay to head Quarters at the same price allowed to those Towns not one fifth of the way distant, & which hay could not be purchased here & transported thither at less than four pounds more than those who lived near that place, i. e. head Quarters might afford it for, but no allowance has as yet been made for our distance & extraordinary expence.

The accompt of the expence of those Inhabitants of Boston supported by us, before y^e first of January last, was, for reasons to us unknown, much curtailed even by a deduction of four pounds twelve Shillings altho the expence did not exceed three Shillings for each person per week, one of them excepted.

By an order of Court bearing date y^e 17th of January A.D. 1776 it was required of us that we should send in an account to the honorable Court, of the Powder, Lead, & Flints delivered to the minutemen & to others from the Town Store that was either used or left in the camp for the use of the Army; that the honorable Court might cause satisfaction to be made for the same, but when, with considerable difficulty, we had collected the accompt, which amounted to Seven pounds & four pence, it was neither allowed or paid according to s^d order but why it was not allowed we are unable to say. Agreeable to an order of the honorable Court bearing date y^e 13th of September last we procured Teams to transport the Baggage of those men raised in this Town at as little expence as was in our power, & having sent a particular accompt of our proceedings, as to procuring Teams, & what expence it is necessary for this State to be at on that account in this Town, were, by the respectable Committee of s^d

Court, refused a recompence therefor, & our accompt curtailed the Sum of nine pounds & twelve Shillings. Altho' we have repeatedly petitioned the honorable Court of this State, and been as often denied our request, tho' as moderate as was in our power to make: yet, conscious of the faithfulness of our endeavors to execute your orders, agreeable to your desires, & confidentially credulous of your readiness to adjust, every known mistake, we have confidence to petition your hon^{rs} to place so much confidence in our integrity, as to grant our requests; & be pleased to send us no more discretionary orders, or please to chuse a committee to execute them, whom you shall have no occasion to subject to the disgrace of being nominally unfaithful in your Service, or urge to the disagreeable alternative of a non compliance with the orders of so respectable & honorable a Court, which, we shall be ever ready, in reason, to serve, & for which, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Newbury Dec^r y^e 17th A.D. 1776.

Tho ^s Noyes	} Select Men
Benj ^a Pearson	
John Moody	
Joshua Ordway	
	of
	Newbury

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RATION MONEY RECEIPT, 1777.

We the Subscribers Field Staff & other Comissiond Officers in the Battallion Commanded by Edward Wigglesworth Esq.^r certify that we have Receiv^d. of John Wigglesworth 2 M in f^d Battⁿ. the Several sums in full affix^d. to our Names as Rations Due to us for our Services in the United States of America from March 31st 1777 until June 30th 1777

			RAITON.				
Col ^o	Edward Wigglesworth	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
Lt: Col ^o .	Nathan Fuller	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	455	12	2	8	Nathan Fuller
Maj ^r .	John Porter	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
Capt ⁿ .	Aaron Haynes	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Tho ^s . Wellington	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Matthew Fairfield	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Nicholafs Blasdell	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Noah Allen	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Daniel Pilsbury	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	273	7	5	7	Daniel Pilfbury
	Nath ^l . Allexander	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Israel Davis	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	273	7	5	7	Israel Davis
Lieut.	William Winchester	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	182	4	7	0	William Winchester
	Joseph McNall	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					Sam ^l ,
	Abijah Pool	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Benjamin Pollard	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Eben ^r . Smith	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	182	4	7	0	
	Peter Page	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Thomas Cheeny	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Josiah Willington	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
Lieut.	Joseph Williams	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Micah Dougharty	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Isaac Barron	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	John Fowl	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Isaac Burton	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	182	4	7	0	
	Abraham Sweet	6 $\frac{2}{5}$					
	Samuel Fairfield	6 $\frac{2}{5}$	182	4	7	0	Sam ^l . Fairfield Lt.
	Isaac Rufsell						

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(To be continued.)

REMINISCENCES OF HENRY M. BROOKS.

BY GILBERT L. STREETER.¹

I AM pleased to have an opportunity to add a few words to those already so fitly spoken by Professor Morse in praise of our lamented friend and co-member Henry M. Brooks. I knew him from his youth up, and was somewhat intimately acquainted with the trials and disappointments of his life, as also with his successes and his joys.

He was a man of rare character, simple in his tastes and habits, sincere and steadfast in his friendships, intelligent and painstaking in all his varied pursuits. He was in all respects a gentleman—gentle in his disposition and manly in his conduct. His sympathies were broad and active, so that he loved to be a helper in every good cause.

Mr. Brooks was for so many years a member of the Essex Institute, as an original member, as its Treasurer and Secretary, that he seemed to be almost an essential part of it. We miss him daily from his accustomed desk, where he performed his duties with so much kindness and courtesy, and where he afforded so much pleasure by his instructive and entertaining conversation. He was peculiarly qualified to perform the work of the Institute in a successful manner. He was, I may say, felicitous in the discharge of his duties. His heart was in it as well as his mind.

¹ Read at a meeting of the Essex Institute, held January 2, 1899.

His memory, tenacious and precise, teemed with recollections of the people and the events that have made Salem and Essex County famous. And it was his delight to recall the incidents of "the storied past," to the relation of which his keen sense of the humorous and the grotesque often added a rich flavor.

He loved the past and largely lived in it, and seemed to prefer the old ways, the old people, and the old things, to their modern successors. He never tired of this theme. If, in thus idealizing and glorifying the ancient ways and the ancient days, he overlooked the deprivations and the disadvantages of those times, it was but what we all do. This is natural. "'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view." We are, fortunately, so constituted that the pleasant things of the past linger in our memory long after the evils have been forgotten. It is this happy provision of nature which makes life cheerful and worth the living — which otherwise might become gloomy and despondent.

"The good that men do lives after them
The evil is often buried with their bones."

Mr. Brooks did not trouble himself much with current affairs. Yet he was far from being a recluse or a misanthrope, but was indeed a genial companion and a lover of society, if only it was of the right sort. His shy and timorous nature preferred the quiet of home and the household joys. He was contented with his books, his music and his friends, and his communings with the things gone by. He could say, with zest and enthusiasm,

"How pleasing wears the wintry night
Spent with the old historic dead!
While by the taper's trembling light,
We seem their very streets to tread."

Mr. Brooks never sought the temporary distinctions of political office, which most men covet. He did not care to shout with the multitude. He shrank from the clamors and contentions and uncertainties of politics and controversy. He sought rather the calm atmosphere of social life. He could enjoy the sentiment so quaintly expressed by an old English poet,

"The wind is great upon the highest hills,
The quiet life is in the dale below;
Who tread on ice shall slide against their willes;
Who live at ease and can content them so,
That wisdom have that we ought all to know."

Mr. Brooks' best known contributions to our local annals are contained in his published volumes of extracts from old newspapers of Salem and Boston, with useful explanatory notes and comments. These are in the Institute, and also several unpublished volumes of the same character. These collections are exceedingly interesting and valuable, and are real literary curiosities. There is nothing more unique in our library. It was a happy thought that led to the compilation and annotation of this half-dozen little booklets, entitled "Ye Olden Time Series."

In these pages we see a profusion of those queer old wood-cuts which show how little skill had been acquired in the pictorial art a hundred years ago, and we read the funny and usually florid advertisements which were in style in that more decorous and ceremonious period; while numerous incidents, rare and curious, are recorded in terms which a modern newspaper reporter might envy, and which illustrate the peculiar conditions of society then prevalent.

Charles Lamb said, "newspapers always excite curiosity. No one ever lays one down without disappointment. A newspaper read out is intolerable." This is doubtless true, but Mr. Brooks' republications of the essential parts of newspapers of the past show that they increase in value by age — contrary to the general impression.

When Henry D. Thoreau built his famous shanty on the shore of Walden Pond he papered the walls with old newspapers, so that, on stormy days, when nothing could be done outside, he could stand up and read the papers at the least cost and trouble. And he tells us that he discovered that the only valuable parts of the newspapers were the advertisements, because they showed what the people were doing and dealing in. The editorials were rapid and unimportant, but the advertisements dealt with facts. This, which seems to be a pleasantry, is the statement of a truth, which Mr. Brooks has demonstrated by

his discriminating labors. He has disclosed a new source of pleasure. Hereafter the old newspaper will be more carefully preserved, and the contents more studied. We have learned from him that what was considered in literature to be a dry well is really a living and copious spring. Mr. Brooks' other frequent and varied contributions to our historical literature are to be found in sundry periodicals of which Professor Morse has given an account.

And thus our good friend lived and served his time, by a quiet, but busy, useful and honorable life. In his school days he was studious, docile, and a favorite with his companions and teachers. In business life, as a clerk in the Salem bank and for many years Treasurer of the Forest River Lead Company, he was assiduous and exemplary. He did not race with the fortune hunters nor wrangle with the place seekers. He was satisfied with the pleasures, the comforts and the endearments of a happy and cultivated home. He learned that best of all lessons, to practise the virtue of contentment.

"Content! the good, the golden mean,
The safe estate that sits between
The sordid poor and miserable great.
Content alone can make us wise,
Content is riches, honor, all besides."

Our friend was not lost in the past, but was interested in all living questions. He kept up with the best thought of the times on the subjects of highest import. He learned and performed his duties in political, religious and social matters. He gave attention to the great problems of human life and human destiny. And his conclusions were those of the liberal school. This left him free to enjoy the things of this world. His natural buoyancy of spirits was not restrained by gloomy theories upon speculative topics. He could indulge his love of fun, and join in the merriment of his friends, when relating or listening to a good story or a quaint reminiscence. He believed the pleasures of life were innocent and wholesome. He was a natural man, simple, sincere, social, sympathetic and light-hearted. His ideals were pure and elevated, and upon his record there is no stain.

LETTER FROM MR. ABNER C. GOODELL.¹

SALEM, JAN. 2, 1899.

MY DEAR SIR :

I wish to express my regret to you personally, and through you to the Institute (if the occasion offers and it is in order), that my state of health compels me to forego the satisfaction of listening to your and Professor Morse's tributes to the memory of my much loved and respected friend Brooks, whose name I venerate not more for his faithful and useful service for the Essex Institute than for the warm and intimate friendship which existed between us for more than forty years.

His accomplishments as a numismatologist and as an investigator of the original sources of New England history were very great, and if his work has not won for him the fame which others have achieved by means which were distasteful to him, it is not because he deserved less, but rather because his devotion to whatever work of public interest he undertook was pursued unselfishly and for the love of it without regard to public applause. He was singularly exact and thorough in everything which he set himself to investigate, and his knowledge, acquired with painstaking diligence, was sometimes availed of by others who, however adroitly they may have used it to their own advantage, had evidently never obtained it by assiduous study, nor ever verified it by comparison with the original sources.

Mr. Brooks did not profess to be a historian in the general sense. His intense interest in local and special themes led him into narrower paths, but in these he was a most curious and philosophical observer, and has contributed some important and most valuable data for the historian that is to be.

His sweet and gentle nature, his quick and subtle perception of the amusing side of life and of the eccentricities and odd sayings of persons of local distinction for their peculiarities and his inexhaustible fund of original

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and amusing anecdotes made him one of the most entertaining of men, and drew about him wherever he was known the brightest wits and the most interesting *raconteurs*. His society was simply charming.

Above all, his tried integrity, his purity, and his interest in everything tending to the good of the public won for him the affection and respect of those whose friendship was best worth cultivating.

To him and his devoted wife the Institute is indebted for most valuable services; and those who had the felicity of enjoying his and her intimate friendship must ever feel that, when the grave closed over their loved remains, the world for them had lost much of its sweetness and light.

Yours sincerely,

ABNER C. GOODELL.

To Gilbert L. Streeter, Esq.

LETTER FROM DR. C. W. ERNST.¹

298 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,
BOSTON, DEC. 31, 1898.

DEAR PROFESSOR MORSE:

In case a tribute to the late Henry M. Brooks is to be published, cannot some mention be made of his contributions to the history of American transportation?

These contributions were local, which certainly does not diminish their value, as such things treated locally by those on the spot are apt to be free from error that always creeps in when one deals with remote topics.

Our history of transportation is in so crude a state that most essays in that field need revision. Mr. Brooks is an exception. What he says may be generally accepted. His industry is not entitled to greater praise, I think, than his accuracy. I remember his contributions to the Salem Historical Register and the Historical Magazine with par-

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ticular satisfaction. He gleaned, or mined, well; he offers his results freely; and he abstains from unwarranted inferences.

His merit in so difficult a subject as the history of transportation, it seems to me, should be recognized by all Essex men in particular. Essex County appears to have treated the subject of transportation with greater care and better results than any other county in the United States. Felt began. Mr. Robert S. Rantoul has taught us in his "Old Modes of Travel" how to present the subject. Mr. Goodell has enriched the literature of transportation, especially postal, as he enriches whatever he touches with his pen. And Mr. Brooks is their worthy peer.

Histories, I think, tell too much of generals and statesmen, and not enough of daily affairs. Yet the daily work of the community trying to earn a dollar and to save a few cents is as interesting and attractive and instructive as mere manœuvring in the field of politics or poetry. Mr. Brooks told us of our people travelling and trying to find a market, and he did his work so well as to be a model in nicety, modesty, and good sense. He has added to the just fame of Salem, and Essex, and transportation.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. ERNST.

FEDERALISTS

FREEMEN !

Friends of Liberty and Washington.

TURN OUT ! TURN OUT !! ——— With one voice and one soul repair THIS DAY to the Poll, and never desert your Post until success and triumph shall crown your zeal and perseverance. EVERY VOTE COUNTS, and a *fingle* vote may decide the fate of Salem ! Away then with *business* and pleasure. Obey the call of your Country ! Grudge not a *few hours* for the honor and reputation of Salem and the salvation of the Commonwealth ! — The whole State looks on with anxiety, and *expects every man to do his duty* ! Arise then in your strength, elect to office FEDERAL Candidates, able and honest men, friends of Moderation, Peace, Commerce and Independence, and unceasing enemies of War, Standing Army, Land Tax, Stamp Act, and Distress to the Poor, unnecessarily brought upon the People by Democratic Office-holders and Salary-men.

FELLOW CITIZENS,

Remember the party violence and persecution of the last year ! — Remember the horrors of May Meeting ! — THIS DAY it is in your power to remedy these evils. Be on the ground at 8 o'clock. Do your duty, never falter, and your Triumph is glorious and certain.

March 16, 1812.

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BEVERLY FIRST CHURCH RECORDS.¹

COPIED BY WILLIAM P. UPHAM.

A Church Book containing
The Affaiers of the Church of Christ
att = Bass=River in Salem
(which is sometimes called the North Side of the Ferry)
which began y^e 20th of September one thousand six hundred and sixty-seaven. Registered first by Robert Morgan, he being a brother of the said Church & desiered & betrusted so to doe.

And after him by the Pastor

John Hale.

The Bass River is made a distinct towne the 3^d November 1668: called Beverly.

[1] The Lord in mercy alluring and bringing over into this wilderness of new England many of his faithfull servants from England whose aymes weare to worshipp God in purity according to his word: They in

¹ The pagination of the original record is shown in the text, enclosed by brackets.

pursuance of that worke began to sett vpp perticular Churches: And the First Church gathered in the Massachusetts Colony was in this towne of Salem: a gracious begining of that intended Church reformation which hath beine farther prosecuted & prospered through the Lords mercy in diuers parts of this land: This Church of Salem entred Church Covenant with publike fasting and prayer vppon the sixt day of the sixt month 1629. Their number att the beginning verry smale was soone greatly increased and inriched with diuers worthy labourers in God's vineyard as Pastors and Teachers successiue, viz. m^r Samuell Skellton: m^r Francis Higginson: m^r Hugh Peeters: m^r Edward Norris: and m^r John Higginson: their present Pastor. As their church increased diuers of the members came over the Ferry to liue on basse ryuer side, who on the 10th of the 12th moth 1649 (m^r Norris beinge teacher) presented their request to the rest of the church for some course to be taken for the meanes of grace amongst themselues, because of the tediousnes & difficulties over the water and other inconveniencies: which motion was renued againe the 22th 7 moth 1650: and the 2^{day} of the 8^{mo} they returned their answer, viz. that wee should looke out some able and approued teacher to be imployd amongst vs, wee still holding Communion with them as before. But vppon farther experience wee vppon the 23 of first moth 1656 presented our desires to be a church of our selues and after some agitation about it wherein our teacher stood for vs it was putt to voat & yeeilded vnto none appearing opposite. wee protesting their was noe disunion in Judgment or affection intend[ed] but brotherly Communion.

[2] Our desires being consented vnto, wee proceeded to build a meeting house on Basse River Side: and wee called vnto vs successiue to dispense the word of life vnto vs m^r Josuah Hubbard, m^r Jeremyah Hubbard, and m^r John Hales: and after almost three yeares experience of m^r John Hailes our motion was againe renued the 23 of 4 mth 1667 w^{ch} was as foll.

Wee whose names are vnder written the brethren & sisters belonging to Basse Riuer doe present our desires to the rest of the Church of Salem that with their consent

wee and our children may be a church of our selues. W^{ch} wee also present vnto m^r Hale desiring him to joine with vs and to be our Pastor with the approbation of the rest of the Church: Rodger Connant, Thomas Lathrop, William Dixsy, Richard Dodg, Samuell Corning, Henry Herrick, William Woodberry, Sen^r, William Dodg Sen^r, Humphrey Woodberry Sen^r, Robert Morgan, Peter Woolfe, Richard Brakenbury, Hugh Woodberry, John Black Sen^r, Josias Rootes Sen^r, John Stone Sen^r, Nicholas Patch, Lott Conant, Exerzise Conant, John Dodg Sen^r, John Hill, Ralph Ellingwood, Edward Bishopp,

Sarah Conant, Bethiah Lathropp, Anna Dixsy, Mary Dodge Sen^r, Elizabeth Dodge, Elizabeth Corning, Anna Woodberry Sen^r, Anna Woodberry Jun^r, Mary Louitt, Elizabeth Woodberry, Elizabeth Woodberry, Ede Herrick, Elizabeth Haskall, Ellen Brakenbury, Martha Woolfe, Mary Dodge Jun^r, Mary Woodberry, Hannah Woodberry, Hannah Baker, Abigaile Hill, Sarah Leach, Elizabeth Patch, Mary Herrick, Lidea Herrick, Free-grace Black, Hannah Sallowes, Bridgett Louffe.

Such as are members but not in full Communion desire to be dismissed with their parents, Peter Woodberry, John Dodge Jun^r, John Black, [3] Samuel Corning Jr, Nathaniell Haward, Thomas Woodberry, John Woodberry Jr, Isaack Woodberry, Humphry Woodberry Jun^r, William Dodg Jun^r, Ephraim Herrick, Henry Herrick, Jun^r, John Herrick, Edward Bishopp Jun^r, Josiah Rootes Jun^r, Joseph Lovet, = Remember Stone, Elizabeth Haward, Bethiah Lovett, Abigaile Stone, Hannah Raiment, Sarah Conant, Susanna Woodberry, Elizabeth Herrick:

This motion was answered the 21th of the 5 moth 1667, as foll. viz., This wrighting being read together with the names subscribed, ther was a vnanimous consent of the brethren present vnto their desire, only it was left to the Sacrament day after when in the fullest church assemb[ly] the consent of the whole church was signified by their votes & so they have their liberty to be a church of themselves, only they continue members hear vntill the[n]. being a Church the Lord graunt his gracious presence with them. Vppon this the brethren had a meeting vppon the 28th of August and renewed their call to m^r John Hailes that hee

would be pleased to accept of the office of a pastor. Whose answer was as ffollo: When I looke att the weight of the worke you call mee vnto of weh. Paul cried out (who is sufficient for these things) I then looking vppon my owne manifold Infirmities & indisposition of spiritt therunto I see many discouragements: butt when I duly consider the Lords soueraignty ouer mee & all sufficiency for my succor I desire wheare I see his worke and call to say with Esaiah heare I am send mee; and in perticular when I obserue the remarkable prouidences of God in bringing me hither and pausing out our way hitherto and the roome the Lord hath made for mee in their hearts (w^{ch} I acknowledg with thankfullnesse to God & yo^r selues: I doe look att the Call of God in the present call to mee beeing [4] the more confirmed hearin by the concurrence of our apprehensions, which hath appeared in those things wee have hadd occasion to conferr about, consarning our entringe into & proceeding ou^r Church affaires, which I hope the Lord will enable mee to practice accordingly.

Wherefore while you walke according to Gods order of the gospell, & in the stedfastnesse of the faith in Christ, and I see that with a good Conscience and freedom of spiritt I can carry on my worke and dischardge my duty to God and man & those that are vnder my care according to the respectiue relations I may beare vnto them: soe long as the Lord is calling mee to labour in this part of his Vineyard; I desire to giue vpp my selfe to the Lord & his seruice in the worke of the Ministry in this place; Requesting you to striue together with me in yo^r praier to God for mee that it may redound to his glory, yo^r Edifyinge & of Euery soule that shall dwell amongst vs and for ou^r Joyfull account in the day of Christs appearance.

By mee: John Hale.

The twentieth of September followinge those members abouenamed of Salem vnited together in a distinct society: and the said m^r Hale being dismissed from the church of Christ att Charlestowne wherof hee was a member: and recommended to the worke of Christ here, Concurred with them; when they solemnly made Confes-

sion of their faith: and Renewed their Covenant with the Lord which was publicuely & vnanimously owned by them as ffolloweth:

[5] Wee beleive in one God the Eternall Jehouah Infinite in wisdom, power, holinesse, justice, goodnesse, and truth, the maker, preseruer, & gouvernour of all things, distinguished into the Father beggetting the Sonne & the Sonne begotten of the Father, & the holy ghoast proceeding from the father and the sonne, three persons yett one god: And that the Lord made man att the first in his owne Image, in holinesse, knowledge, & righteousness, wherby hee hadd ability perfectly to obey God for life according to the tennour of the Couenant of workes, w^{ch} hee lost by transgressing gods Command bringing himselfe & all his posterity into a state of sinne and misery, whereby wee are by nature Children of wrath as well as others, liable to all miseries in life & death & to Eternall Destruction:

That God out of his meere mercy sent his only begotten Sonne Jesus Christ for mans redeemer = who is truly God & truly man in one person = who as man was conceived by the holy Ghoast, borne of the Virgin Mary, made like vs in all things (yett without Sinn) hee suffered death to ransom the elect, was buried, Rose againe from the dead & assended into heauen with his body wherwith hee now sitts att the right hand of God to make inter[ce]sion for the faithfull; And shall thence returne to Judge the whole world together att the Last Day.

That the Lord hath giuen vs the Scriptures of the old and new testament for the only perfect and perpetuall Rule of our Faith and Life.

That all that truly beleive in Jesus Christ & repent of all their sinnes haue by faith a right to all the benefitts of Christs purchase as the only [6] Righteousnesse of Christ imputed to them for their Justification the priuiledges of addoption, & sanctification by the spiritt, man being vtterly vnable by any worke or righteousness of his owne or light from within himselfe to please God.

Also that those who in this life walke before the Lord in the faith of the gospell & sincere obedience to the Law the rule of holinesse) wherin euery true beleeuers ought &

certainly shall perseuere vnto death, when their soules being then & not before made perfect in holinesse, shalbe receiued into glory, till the resurrection when their bodies being vnited to their soules & raised vp againe immediatly before the gennerall Judgment they shall there be openly acquitted & so be eternally glorified in heauen.

That then allso all that beleued not in Christ shall be publicly Condemned & cast into hell for euer.

Allso wee beleiue that all true beleiuers make vpp that one body the Church of wch. Christ is the head who for the gathering in and perfecting of his saints hath appointed his Word, prayers, singing of pslames, Sacraments of baptisme & the Lords Supper: Church officers & discipline in particular churches, and that it is the Duty of euery Christian orderly to attend thereunto:

The Couenant:

Wee doe in the presens of the Eternall God & for our owne comfort renew ou^r couenant with God, Joyning ou^r selues to the Lord in a perpetual couenant that shall not be forgotten wherein wee doe hartily accept & Auouch the Lord this day to be ou^r God, & to walke in [7] his waies, desiring to turne to him by vnfeigned repentance for all our sinns, & by faith receiuinge Jesus Christ for ou^r only Lord and Sauour, and his spirritt for our comfort^r, doe take him for ou^r portion according to the tennour of the couenant of grace wherein hee hath promised to be a god to the faithfull & their seed after them in their generations, promising through the grace of God a constant & sincere endeauour of obedience to all Gods commands deliuered vs in his written Word, and to resist the temptations of Sathan, the world, and ou^r owne deceitfull harts: and this vnto the death:

Wee doe allso in the feare of the Lord and presens of his people, ingage to giue vpp ou^r selues, & ou^r seed to the Lord, and to one another by the Will of God in ou^r Fellowship together as a particular church of Christ: or congregation of the faithfull: promising each of vs to continue faithfull & stedfast in ou^r communion together in the publique worship of God, & to submitt to the order, disipline & gouernement of Christ in this his church, and to the ministeriall, Teaching, guidance & ou^rsight of the

Elder, or Elders therof, and to the brotherly watch of fellow members: promising to walke towards them in loue & faithfullnesse, and in all offences to follow the rule of Christ, to beare and forbear, giue and forgiue as hee hath taught vs, so long as by the rules of Gods Word wee shall continue in this ou^r relation together, desiring also to walke with all regular & due communion with other churches of Christ, for the Glory of God, ou^r furtherances & growth in Christ: and mutuall Edification:

And all this not by any Strength of ou^r owne but by ou^r Lord Christ assisting vs, whose blood wee desire may sprinkle this ou^r couenant made in his name, Amen.

In Testimony of ou^r Consent to this Confession of faith and Couenant wee subscribe ou^r names,

[8] John Hale	Thomas Lathropp
Richard Dodge Senior	Samuell Corning
William Woodberry Senior	Robert Morgan
Richard Brackenbury	John Blacke Senior
John Stone Senior	Lott Connant
John Dodge Senior	Ralph Ellenwood
Rodger Connant	William Dixsy
William Dodge Senior	Henry Herricke Senior
Humphry Woodberry Senior	Peeter Woolfe
Hugh Woodberry	Josias Rootes Senior
Nickolas Patch	Exercize Connant
John Hill	Edward Bishopp
[Rebeckah Hale ¹]	Berthia Lathropp
Sarah Elizabeth Dodge	Anna Dixsy
Connant Mary Lovett	Anna Woodberry Senior
deceased Elizabeth Haskall	Elizabeth Woodberry
Mary Woodberry	Martha Woolfe
Sarah Leach	Hannah Baker
Freegrace Black	Mary Herricke
Elizabeth Corning	Bridgett Luff
Elizabeth Woodberry	Mary Dodge Senior
Ellen Brackenbury	Anna Woodberry Junior
Hannah Woodberry	Edee Herricke
Elizabeth Patch	Mary Dodge Junior
Hannah Sallows	Abigaile Hill
	Lidia Herricke

¹ Cancelled.

Theise hauing proceeded thus farr vppon this solemne day of fasting and praier

[9] Then Immediately they proceeded to the ordination of m^r Hale as Pastor who was ordained by the Laying on of hands, of the reuerend m^r John Higginson Pastor of the Church of Salem & of m^r Thomas Cobbett Pastor att Ipswich & of m^r Antipas Newman Pastor att Wenham: then weare they owned to be a distinekt orderly congregationall church by the Elders & messengers of the neighbour Churches abouesaid, who gaue their approbation and right hand of Fellowship.

22th 7moth. Letters of Dismission for m^{rs} Rebeckah Hale were sent from the Church of Salisbury: & were read and accepted. [& shee received unto fellowship wth this Church¹]

29th 7 moth. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered: when allso was propounded the desire of diuers to be admitted unto the Lords Supper.

23th 8 moth. Vppon a Church meeting Peter Woodberry and Sarah his wife John Black Jun^r Humphrey Woodberry Jun^r Remember Stone and Sarah Connant, (being all Children of the Church) whose desires were before publicly propounded, openly professing their faith & repentains & owning the Couenant of God made with their fathers: were admitted vnto full communion with the Church: the same day as a testimony of our duty to the children of the church this was generally consented to by Vote, viz.

Wee hauing in o^r Couenant with the Lord solely professed o^r readinesse to giue up o^rselues & o^r seed to the Lord, and considering the many gracious promises God hath made to the seed of the faithfull, & duties required towards them wee shall endeauour through the Lords assistance to bring vpp o^r children in the nurture & admonition of the Lord, by watching faithfully ouer them as lambs of the flocke and Children of the Couenant, to encourage them in the waies of God: & admonish them & proceed with them if they doe Euill as Duty requires: [10] And in peticular will Catechize those vnder o^r gouernment & endeauour so long as is meet to bring them vnto

¹ Added by Mr. Hale.

publique Catechising by the Pastor: theise being spetiall meanes to farther their knowledg in the principles of godlinesse. That wee may doe o^r parts that o^r children may bee all taught of God. Wch. wee will follow wth o^r praiers to God, that it may be for the good of vs & o^r Children after vs. Henceforth it [is] expected that o^r Reuerend Pastor doe Register all matters consarning the Church and [which] are to be committed to this booke as I haue done hitherto

By mee Robert Morgan:

27.8.67. Was ye Lords Supper againe administred before which were admitted unto fellowship wth this Church, viz. Nathaniell Stone, Goodwife Bishop, & Jude Woodbury.

5:9^{ber}. Was a day of thanksgiving observed by order from ye Generall Court, because of some mercy shewed to England & for o^r owne peace & libertys continued & for o^r comfortable harvest.

17:9^{mo}. Margaret, wife of Brother Morigin & Elizabeth wife of Lot Conant & Mary ye wife of Ephraim Hirreck were admitted into this Church upon ye profession of their faith & repentance.

1:10^{mo}:67. Richard Patch ye son of Sister Patch was upon ye confession of his faith & repentance, admitted to full Communion & then baptized, not having been baptized before: See more of this p. 150.

4:10^{mo}. By Gen^l Courts Order was kept a generall day of Humiliation through ye Colony, for the troubles of Gods people in England & elsewhere abroad: for ye tokens of Gods displeasure in this land in the loss of diverse of ye vessells by sea & diverse sinns abounding among us: In wch. day wee made it one speciall part of o^r worke to seek ye Lords favour to looke upon o^r Church to direct, & prosper o^r small beginnings & continue his presence of mercy wth us.

[11] 1667 8:10^{mo}. Nickolas Woodbury was admitted to ye fellowship of this Church; with John Gally & his wife, & [29:10th: See p. 3] Ephraim Hirreck wth them was admitted to full Communion in ye Lords Supper.

1667 26:11: m°. Abigall Stone was admitted to ye Lords Supper.

9:12th. was Samuell Dodge son of Richard Dodge admitted to ye Lords Supper & Elizabeth Livermore.

It having been conferred of between the present Pastor & brethren of this Church before their being in this rela-

This was tion it was generally approved, viz: yt ye
Nemine Children borne of beleivers in particular
Contradicente orderly Churches & orderly walking therein
 are to bee baptized & growing up to bee watched over &c.
 And then being marryed if they walke unblamably &
 understandingly profess their soundness in the principles
 of religion & solemnly & publickly owne ye Covenant of
 God made wth their fathers & there profess their desiers
 & endeavours to submitt to the discipline of Christ in his
 Church & to give up themselves & their seed unto ye
 Lord & his people that then their children allso upon such
 their desiers are to bee baptized though their imediate
 parents upon sence of their present unfittness bee not as
 yet received to ye Lords table.

Accordingly 16:12: 1667 John Dodge Ju^r son of Br.

16:12^{mo}: William Dodge owning ye Covenant of God &

See more publickly professing to give up himselfe & his

p. 150 seed to ye Lord had his children baptized.

See p. 150.

24. 12 mo. Humphery Woodbury Sn^r was Chosen to ye office of A Deacon of this Church

8:1: mo. 67. Sarah ye wife of John Dodge Ju^r was admitted to Communion wth this Church.

1668, 26:1: mo. The Councell of Magistrates apoynt A Generall Fast to mourne for prophainness, superstition & herisie increasing: to pray for ye encouragment of Religion, disapoynting of its Enemys, yt ye great motions of ye world may bee overruled for Gods glory, That hee would bless & direct ye King, Councell & Parliament, bless ye peace wth Holland & sanctifie ye late warr, pestilence & burning of ye City of London, & continue to New England [12] peace, libertys & ye gospell & prevent in the ensuing yeare blasting milldew & caterpillars & Convert ye rising Generation & supply wth Teachers ye destitute Congregations.

1668, 5: 2, mo. Henry Bayly & Mary Clarck were joyned to this Church.

Thomas Patch wth other children of ye Church were dismissed from under ye watch of Salem Church to this (viz. of them yt were not before dismissed) in this manner following. Viz: These are to signifie yt

10: 3: mo. T. Patch, J. Lovet & goody Wood coming to me shewing their desier to joyne

wth ye Church on Bass River Side enquiring whether they had need of any particular Letters of Dismission from this Church, I did acquaint the Church heer wth. it who did unanimously express themselves yt it was taken for granted by us, yt both these persons & all ye rest on yt side in the same state wth these were dismissed (wth ye rest of ye members of this Church) together once for all to bee in ye same state in yt Church as they were in this, so yt they desiering it they may freely joyne in full Communion without having any further dismission from this.

Salem May 10.

John Higginson

17: 3, mo. The writing abovesaid was read & ye partys therin expressed were accepted as dismissed from Salem Church to o^{rs} to bee under ye watch of this Church, but not thereupon in full communion.

30. 3^{mo}. John Lovet ju^r abovesaid & Bethia his wife solemnly & publickly owning ye Covenant of God & giving up themselves & their seed to ye Lord & his people had their children baptized. see p. 151. Mary Wood had her childe baptized also ye same time upon ye same grounds.

12: 5^{mo}. Thomas Patch & Mary his wife having been first privately examined in their knowledge & good affections & desires by ye Pastor (w^{ch} is also to understood of all yt are admitted to any of ye publick ordinances above named) upon their publick laying hold of ye Covenant &c. as above had their children baptized. (p. 151)

[12]: 5^{mo}. Hannah Raymond owning ye Covenant &c had her child baptized. (p. 151)

[13] 1668, 2: 6^{mo}. Susanna Haskins daughter of Brother Roots did lay hold of ye Covenant &c (as is above expressed for others) & had her child baptized.

10: 8^{mo}. John West & his wife Mary were upon letters of Dismission from ye Church of Ipswich received

unto Communion of this Church & their son Thomas wth his wife Elizabeth at ye same time.

1669, 16: 6^{mo}. By a unanimous consent of this whole Congregation was kept publickly A Day of Humiliation by fasting & prayer for ye great sinns abounding & breaking forth scandalously in this Country & in o^r Towne & Church in particular as ground of mourning (see 1 Cor. 5. 2. & 2 Cor. 12: 20) & for ye fears least a flood of prophainness should overflow ye Land, to beg Gods mercy & continuance of o^r libertyes & yt ye Lord will Remember his cause & peaple in Brittain & Ireland & for Gods hand in taking away so many eminent godly ministers from us by death (5 ministers dyed in about halfe a year.)

27: 10^{mo}.

John 21. 15 ver.

1 Cor. 5, 11, 12.

Acts, 20, 28.

6. 10^{mo}.

27th. 10^{mo}.

eccles. 12. 14.

2 Sam. 11

14 ver.

Bethia Stanly (daughter of Sister Lovet) a chide of ye Covenant having before marriage comitted Fornication wth him who is since her husband & ye fact evident by her having a childe soon after marriage & confessed by herselfe was sent for to apeare publickly before ye Church to give account to them of her sinne & repentance. When shee owned yt God had of late made her to see from his word ye greatness of her sin against God & desier yt God would humble her truly & Blessed God for yt care ye Church tooke for ye good of her soule

2 Chron. 7. 14 ver.

1 Tim. 5. 20.

Levit. 19. 17.

James 5, 19. 20

Gal. 1. 6

Psalm [1. 15.]

The Confession apearing somewhat hopefull yet not so full, nor convincing to ye world as was desired in regard of ye newness of it &c. Shee had more time given her for repentance & was with ye Consent of ye Brethren layed under a Solemne Admonition to realize to her owne Soule ye truth of yt Confession, & to ye world by her conversation & to proceed to yt fuller degree & manifestation of humiliation & repentance pressed home by ye Pastor from Hebrews, 13, 4; 1 Cor. 6; 9, 10, 11; 2^d Corinth. 7, 11; 1 Tim 5, 20, Revelat. 2: 21, 22.

[14] 1668. Benjamin Morgin Sonne of Bro. Morgin a childe of ye Covenant in this Church having in partnership wth another stole two horses & severall oxen & added unto his highhanded bouldness ye haynous sin of lying to cover his sinne, was apprehended & convicted thereof at Cambridge Court & ye fact being so notorious & evident was sent for by this Church ye 6: 10: 68 by two of ye brethren to apeare ye 13: 10: 68 to shew his repentance for his haynous & publickly scandalous sins but he not then apearing was sent to againe to apeare 27: 10 mo. But then he not only refused to come, but also spake very reproachfully of ye Church & publick worship of God. This answer being returned it was propounded by ye pastor & consented to by ye Brethren yt two other messengers should bee sent to him wth this message, yt unless ye next Lords day hee apeared before ye Church & manifested something of repentance not only for his former sinns of theft & lying but for his presumptuous contempt of ye worship of God & of this Church he should be proceeded wth as A Scandalous & Impenitent sinner.

This was accordingly done & ye next Sabbath viz: ye 3: 11: 1668 hee made his apearance. But by his Irreverend Carriage & Dumb silence manifested himselfe to be A lamentable spectacle of A stupified sinner & forsaken of God & no signes of repentance manifested either for his former sinns or late presumptuous behaviour; hee was by ye Censure of Excommunication delivered to Satan for ye destruction of ye flesh yt ye soule might be saved in ye day of Christ. And ye Lord Sanctify his ordinance to his soule for yt end. Amen.

1669, 11: March A letter was read from about 28 brethren of ye [1st] Church gathered in Boston desiering wee would send o^r Elders & messengers to sitt in Councell wth ye Elders & messingers of other Churches to Councell them in a labouring case. In answer heerunto ye Pastor went to yt Councell. And, 13th aprill, these brethren were gathered into a Church Society at Charles-towne by approbation of Magistrates Elders &c.

[15] 1669, 30. 3^{mo}. May: ye 30th 1669 Nathaniel Howard being a Childe of ye Covenant yt had putt him-

selfe under ye watch & discipline of Christ in this Church, did publickly enter into Solemne Covenant wth God & his submission to ye yoake of Christ in his apoyntments & ye discipline of his Church & giving up himselfe & seed to ye Lord did desier his childe might bee baptized w^{ch} was accordingly done. See Baptism pag : 151.

4 : 6 : 69 was kept by this congregation a day of humiliation & prayer because of Gods hande in Immoderate Raines, Blasting, Milldew, cold & stormes : to fynde out sin ye cause & desier remoovall of Gods frowne.

29 : 6 : 69 William Dodge jun^r. did this day publickly & solemnly owne ye Covenant of God & give up himselfe to ye watch of ye Church wth his Childe in order to its baptisme. See p. 151.

12 : 7 : 69 Goodwife Raymund ye widdow was admitted unto ye fellowship of this Church.

17 : 9 : 69 Was a day of Publick Thanks-giving to bless ye Lord for staying ye Immoderate raines (w^{ch} thretned to destroy ye whole harvest of corne & fresh hay) & for ye harvest ye Lord hath given.

6 : 8 : 69 A Letter was read sent from ye Church at Newbury (ie ye Pastor & a considerable part of them) to meet wth messingers of other Churches by or messingers to advise y^m in regard of some differences &c. In answer whereunto ye Pastor & Mr Conant went to Newbury & were present wth ye Councell. 3, 9^{mo}. 1669.

13 : 12 : 69 Was a letter read from ye last gathered Church in Boston desiering our assistance by Messingers in ye Ordination of Mr Thatcher for Pastor & other officers : but none went ye weather heeing so tedious.

13 : 1 : 70 This day were joyned in full communion to this Church : Thomas Patch (who before had solemnly owned ye Covenant 12 : 5 : 68, but upon feares of his owne unfitness proceeded no farther) & John Woodbury jun^r (who also had putt himselfe under ye watch of this Church at ye begining of it & his wife Elizabeth (who as a childe of ye Church at Rowley had a letter of recommendation from thence read ye same day) & Sarah Balsh.

1670 7 : 2 : 70. Was kept by this whole Congregation

a day of Humiliation by fasting & prayer under ye sence of Gods frowning dispensations in taking from this Jurisdiction six ministers away from his Churches by death in ye last yeare & permitting those divisions & breaches wch are allredy begun in sundry churches & feares of more; And continuing ye snow so long on ye earth & ye frost in ye grounde hindering seed time & pinching cattle for want of fodder; That ye Lord may reforme us from ye sins wee have provoked him by, & returne to our churches in mercy, & reserve for us ye apoynted weeks of seed time & harvest & prevent ye blasting & milldews this summer so far as may bee for his glory & our good.

19 : 2 : 70 Was ye second sitting of ye Councill at Newbury upon an adjournment, at w^{ch} sitting ye Lord was pleased to smile upon ye endeavours of ye Councill by making them instruments to heale yt breach & unite both partys to meet in one way for future practice & mutually to forgive what offences had been given or taken against each other wth such expressions of love as rejoiced themselves & all present. The Lord continue it.

[16] 1670 16 June Was apoynted for a day of generall Humiliation: ye cause of w^{ch} see in ye order.

At a Gen. Court at Boston ye 11th May 1670 :

The Generall Court beeing sencible of Gods hande upon ye Country sundry yeares, in diverse afflicting providences, have been desirous to enquire into ye Causes thereof; & amongst others, doe conceive these following may bee considered, i. e. A serfish spirit, minding o^r owne things more than ye things of Christ, & of private before ye publick good; Too much slighness & negligence in prizing & improoving ye Goverment & order both Civill & Sacred in Church & Commonwealth; A great & generall neglect of Instructing & governing ye Rising Generation, both in families & churches; A cooling of former life & heate in Spirituall Communion; Too great a neglect in some places of a comfortable upholding & providing for ye outward Subsistence of sundry faithfull ministers; Too much decay of Love to God, & one another, & harbouring groundless Jealousies, accompanied wth whisperings & back bitings, w^{ch} ways tende to separate very

friends ; Too great abounding of Sin amongst us, as pride, luxury, drunkenness, oppression, uncleanness, & diverse others. These, wth any other sin yt ye Lord may upon inquiry convince his people of, wee desier may be confessed, bewailed & a thorough reformation endeavoured ; & for this purpose ye Court do appoynt ye sixteenth day of June next for a day of humiliation to be kept throughout this Jurisdiction, & do commende it to ye Churches, Elders, ministers & people to keepe ye same solemnly & seriously accordingly.

Boston May 31, 1670. By ye Court Edward Rawson Sec^y.

7 : 6 : 70 Samuell Corning ju^r (son of Samuell Corning sn^r) wth his wife Hannah (daughter of John Bachelder) did both owne ye Covenant of God solemnly in publick & desier Baptism for their son : w^{ch} was accepted.

4 : 7 : 70 Mary ye daughter of Edward Bishop & wife of Robert Coburne professing her submission to God & his ways & owning ye Covenant had her childe baptized & letters of Recommendation to ye Church of Christ at Chelmsford were consented to by ye brethren to bee sent with her, shee going to live there.

22 : 7 : 70 : Was a fast apoynted by ye Councill of Magistrats at Boston requiring a day of publick humiliation & prohibiting all servile worke on yt day ; because of ye low estate of ye Churches of God all over ye worlde, & ye increase of sin & evill among o^rselves & Gods hande following of us for ye same.

24 : 9 : 70 The Gen. Court sett apart for a day of publick Thanksgiving for o^r peace & libertys continued & ye last yeare crowned with Gods goodness in answer of prayers &c, prohibiting all servile labour y^r in.

[17] 1671 14th April. Was a Church meeting to settle ye charges for ye providing bread & wine for ye Lords Supper ; concluded as follows. Wee have agreed yt ye brethren & sisters w^{ch} partake usually of ye Lords Supper in full Communion wth us shall pay halfe a crowne apeece by ye yeare to maintaine the charges of ye Lords Supper & this either in mony, or in what other pay shall answer ye Deacon as well as mony ; & constantly to pay

halfe a yeares pay at every halfe yeares ende. It is agreed yt the times of pay shall bee the first or second of March, & ye first or second of September from yeare to yeare. Voted by ye brethren : ye 14 : 2 : 1671.

1 : 8^{mo}. Joseph Hirreck son of Henry Hirreck deaceased did owne ye Covenant of God & submit himselfe & his seed to bee under ye goverment of Christ in this Church & had his childe baptized. See B.

1672 22 : 7^{mo} Isaak Woodbury son of Humphry Woodbury Sn^r did owne ye Covenant of God & submit himselfe & his seed to bee under ye goverment of Christ in thi Church. See Bapt :

29th : 7 : Hanah Grover daughter of Sister Black owned ye covenant of God &c. See Bapt.

19th October 1673, Bethia Stanley was reconciled to ye Church upon her professing repentance for her offence for weh shee had been under admonition. See 27 : 10 : 69.

26 October 1673, Martha daughter of John Dodge jun^r & Elizabeth daughter of William Dodge jnr & Israel son of Thomas Woodbury baptized.

9th 8. George & John the sons of George Stanley by Bethia his wife were baptized ye 9th november. 1673.

16th 9. Edmund Gale was dismissed from Salem Church & so received into this Church, 16 : November 1673. allso Jonathan ye son of Jonathan Moss by his wife Mary was baptized, november 16. 1673.

23 november, Joseph Lovet & his wife & Abigail Overs did owne ye covenant & submit to ye watch of this Church.

19. 10. 73. Was a Church meeting when were added to ye Church Goodwife Biles & her sister Patch. Allso Ephraim Hirreck for lasciv. speeches & slanderous reflections against authority was layd under an admonition & space given him for repentance.

19. 5. 74. Jonathan Moss a member of ye Church of Newbury was by letters of dismission from thence received into this Church. Allso Deborah Benet wife of John Benet & daughter of Goody Grover deaceased was admitted unto owning ye covenant & her childe to baptisme at ye same time.

Goody Trask was baptized upon a profession of faith & repentance ye 26. 5. 74.

[18] 1674 11: 8^{mo} Benjamin Balsh Jn^r & his present wife Elizabeth (ye daughter of Sister Elizabeth Woodbury widdow) these beeing under ye watch of ye Church & having sinned against ye Lord & their owne soules in committing folly together before marriage, having a childe born before they were marryed: They were called before ye Church ye 11: October 1674. where they confessed their sin &c. And were publickly admonished (wth ye Consent of ye brethren) to repent of their sin & so left to some time of tryall farther.

6. 10. 74. Deborah daughter of John Dodge Sn^r by [] his wife was baptized: When Goody Tapley was also admitted into ye fellowship of this Church.

6. 10. 74. This Church beeing informed of a suddain motion of Thomas Roots of Salem & about seaven more to joyne themselves into a Church did on ye 6. 10. 74, Vote & agree, viz.

This Church doth declare themselves troubled at ye suddain proceedings of those of Salem yt are going to gather into a Church at Linn ye next 3^d day: & doe therefore humbly advise (and request ye messingers of ye Churches there assembled to moove them) to cease for ye present, till further meanes may bee used for preventing & healing ye present differences at Salem. Our brethren John West, John Dodge Sn^r & John Hill were chosen to signifie the same.

8. 10. 74 The result was yt Church-gathering was put by for yt time.

10. 11. 74 Wenham Church sending letters desired or assistance of ym by or messingers 13. 11. 74. at ye Ordination of Mr. Joseph Gerish pastor of their Church. The Pastor, Deacon Woodbury, Capt Lathrop, Ens: Corning were desired to be present wth them.

Allso this day Goody Sallows was admitted to full Communion.

29. 4. 75 Was a solemne fast by order of Councell upon ye Indians rising about Swanzy.

[19] 11. 5. 75 John Hirreck owned ye covenant of God & had his childe baptized. See baptisms.

5. 7. 75. Joseph Dodge son of Brother Rich Dodge deceased owned ye covenant of God publickly & had his childe baptized.

20: 11. 75 Was a Church meeting wherein Goody Davis was admitted into this Church by letters of dismission from ye Church at Wenham. Allso Ephraim Hirreck was before ye Church but not giving full satisfaction by manifestation of repentance was respited to another time. Allso ye Gen. Court having recommended to ye Churches a farther care of discipline in ye Churches especially toward ye rising generation: it was consented to, approved of. The words of ye order:

At a gen^l Court 3: 9: 1675 p: 33. This Court apprehending there is too great a neglect of discipline in ye Churches & especially respecting those yt are their children, through ye non-acknowledgment of them according to ye order of ye Gospel in watching over them as well as Chatechizing of them, inquiring into their spirituall states, yt beeing brought to take hold of ye Covenant, they may acknowledge & bee acknowledged according to their relations to God & his Church, & their obligations to bee ye Lords & to approve themselves so to bee by a suitable profession & conversation: Do therefore solemnly recommend it unto ye respective Elders & brethron of ye severall Churches throughout this Jurisdiction to take effectuall course for reformation herein.

9. 1. 1676. Was a Church meeting wherein o^r Brother Ephraim Hirreck was upon ye manifestation of repentance absolved & restored to ye Church according to Galat. 6. 1, 2. Math. 6. 14, 15. & 18. 21, 22. Luke 17. 3, 4, 5.

27. 12, 167 $\frac{5}{8}$ Robert Bradford was admitted into this church & Isaak Woodbury into full communion with us.

19th. 2^{mo}. 1676. Elizabeth Dodge wife of Will. Dodge tertius was admitted unto full communion wth this Church at a Church meeting & not beeing baptized before was then baptized.

3. 5^{mo}. Susanna [Teny] daughter of Deacon Woodbury and a childe of the Church (see her name pag. 3: A: 1667 June 3) was admitted to full Communion wth this Church on ye 30. 5. 76, before ye Sacrement.

17. 7. 1676. Brother Leift Dixy presented ye case of two children of his son (Johns deceased) for whome he desiered baptisme, his sonne beeing a childe of ye covenant & one yt gave good hope of his dying in ye faith & yt he would have joyned himselfe to full communion wth this or some other church, but yt death prevented him: wherefore he their Grandfather desiered baptisme for these Grandchildren Sarah & Elizabeth, w^{ch} by a vote was consented to.

[20] 24: 5: mo. 1668. It beeing propounded unto ye Brethren of this Church that they should give in to ye Pastor ye names of their Children in Minority w^{ch} were dismissed from Salem Church together wth their parents to be under the watch of this Church as they grow up. In Answer thereunto take the names following w^{ch} are of the Children of this Church yt were borne before the Church was gathered & settled heer.

Imp^r Rebeckah ye daughter of ye Pastor John Hale by Rebeckah his wife wch was borne at Bass-River ye 28th of Aprill 1666 & baptized by Mr. Higginson (Pastor of ye Church) at Salem.

Brother Humphry Woodbury Deacon his children viz. William, Peter, Richard, Elizabeth & Christin.

Item: John, Cornelius & Hannah Children of o^r Sister Baker.

It: Children of John Dodge jur by o^r Sister Sarah his wife are John, William & Sarah.

The Children of Robert Morgan & Margaret his wife, Joseph Beniamen, Robert, Bethia, Moses.¹

The Children of Sister Abigall Stone are, John, Samuell, William, Abigall & Jonathan.

The Children of Lot Conant, Nathaniell, John, Lo, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Sarah, William.

Peter the sone of Peter Woodbery.²

The Children of Nickolas Woodbury are: Nickolas, Joseph, Isaak, Andrew, Benjamin, [Jane] Abigall.

The Children of o^r Sister Elizabeth Woodbury wife of John Woodbury Sn^r are Elizabeth, Abigall, Ebenezer, & Hanah.

¹ In Robert Morgan's hand.

² In a different hand.

Children of John Black & his wife Freeborne are Hannah & Mary Sallows, Sarah & Robert Sallows, & John Black.

Sister Hannah Sallows, John & Peter, Hannah, Thomas.

Hue Woodburys Children by his wife Mary are Samuells, Sarah, Hue, John, Josiah, & Priscilla.

Nathaniel Howards children Elizabeth & Abigall.

Henry Hirreck Sen^{rs} children unmarried Elizabeth, John, Benjamin.

Sister Mary Lovetts children, Bethia & Abigall.

Sister Hannah Woodburys Children, John Porter, William, Samuells

Thomas Woodburys

Josiah Roots children, Thomas, Susanna, Jonathan.

[21] The children of William Woodbury deceased by his wife Judith are William, Elizabeth, Hannah & Judith.

The children of John Dodge Sn^r. Deliverance, John, Josiah, Sarah, Ebenezar, Mary.

The children of Nathaniel Stone, John, Nathaniell, Samuells, Elizabeth & Sarah.¹

[22] 1677 20 : 1 : mo. A Church meeting ; when Goody Bayly was admitted into ye Church & Ralf Ellenwood a childe of ye Covenant in this Church was publickly rebuked & admonished wth consent of ye brethren, for stealing meale at mill.

14. 4. 1677 A Church meeting wherein ye wife of John Benet was admitted to full Communion in this Church.

27 : 7 : 1677. A Church meeting w^r in Edmund Grover was admitted into ye Churches fellowship & John Dodge jn^r publickly admonished wth ye Consent of ye brethren for giving false information to ye last Court at Salem about [his] daughter Elizabeth Hall saying shee had been marryed about six or seaven months before shee had a childe ; when upon prooffe by wittnesses it apeared not to be 3 months after shee was marryed before shee was delivered of a childe. See ye wittnesses in writing :

7. 8. 77. Was ye Lords Supper before w^{ch} Nehemiah Grover was admitted to full communion to this Church.

¹ The rest of this page is blank.

16: 9. 77. A Church meeting w^r in John Richards was admitted into this Church, & John Dodge ju^r his case agen agitated & witnesses read. both ye former viz: Mr. Dudleys, Robert Cox & his wife wth Anne Bromwell & Abigall Stone. allso farther, John Stone & his wife & John Hill & his wife testifying y^t John Dodge owned in y^r hearing yt he said to ye Court was not unadvised. See ye witnesses.

28. 10. 77 John Patch was admitted into fellowship wth this Church.

17: 1: 1677⁷ Nathaniel Conant owning ye Covenant of God personally & submitting himselfe & his seed to ye goverment of Christ in this Church has his childe baptized. See Baptisms.

24. 1. 78. Sarah Roots owned ye Covenant of God personally & putt her selfe under ye watch & goverment of Christ in this Church.

7. 2. 78. Jonathan Byley & his wife were received to fellowship of full communion wth this Church.

7. 5. 78. Elizabeth wife of William Clerk & daughter of Nath. Stone owned ye covenant & submitted to ye watch of this Church & had her childe baptized. See bap.

4. 6. 78¹ It was consented to by ye vote of ye brethren that Bro: Samuell Dodge should according to his desier have his Dismission from this Church to ye Church at Wenham.

29 March 1679 Deacon Woodbury received a flaggon w^{ch} was left at my house by brother John West w^{ch} John West gave it to ye Church as a token of his love.

Circit^r 8^m. 1684 Sarah Hale ye Pastors wife was by letters dismissed from newbury Church to this & heer received.

[23] 1680 25. 2: Christian Trask daughter of Bro Humphry Woodbury Sn^r owned ye covenant & submitted her selfe & seed to be under this Church.

4: 3: 80 At a Church meeting John Balsh & Sarah ye wife of Joseph Dodge were admitted to full communion in this Church.

¹ See page 30 for some baptisms misplaced in the original.

7 : 9 : 80 Mary ye wife of Richard Howhton & Elizabeth wife of Joseph Lovet were admitted unto full communion in this Church.

10 : 5 : 1681 The wife of Andrew Eliot Snr & ye wife of Will. Cleaves, these women were admitted to full communion in this Church.

14 : 6 : 1681 Edward Bishop junr owned ye Covenant of God & solemnly subjected himselfe to ye watch of this church & had his childe baptized. See baptisms.

28 : 6 : 81 Humphry Horrell admitted to ye fellowship of this Church.

11 : 7 : 81 Bethia ye wife of John Conant admitted into fellowship of ye church.

6 : 9 : 81 Mary ye relict of John Hirreck admitted into Church fellowship.

18 : 1 : 82 Edmund Ashby & Mary Williams were admitted into full communion wth this Church of Christ.

28 : 3 : 82 Ruth ye wife of John Hebert admitted to full communion of ye Church.

16 : 5 : 82 William Woodbury admitted admitted to full communion of ye Church.

15 : 8 : 82 Rachel Bradford owned Gods Covenant in this Church.

5. 9. 82 Richard Woodbury owned Gods Covenant in this Church.

1. 5. 83 Hannah Grover, Goody Wooden & ye wife of John Raiment were admitted to full Communion in this Church.

29 : 5 : 83 Elizabeth wife of David Perkins admitted to full communion.

5. 12. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ was a church meeting & agreed as followeth viz. The Brethren of this church doe agree yt hence forth each of ye brethren & sisters of this Church w^{ch} usually partake of ye Lords Supper wth us shall pay halfe a crowne by ye yeare beforehand in ye begining of ye yeare, viz. in ye begining of March to maintaine ye charges of ye Lords Supper & this either in mony, or in what other pay shall answer ye Deacon as well as mony. And this mony so payd to be layd in for a Church stock to provide for ye Lords Supper & ye Deacon or Deacons

to give a seasonable account of ye disbursment of what is payd in as abovesaid.

2: 7: 84 At a Church meeting ye brethren of ye Church did choose o^r Brother John Hill to ye office of a Deacon in this church.

14. 7. 84 John Stone jun^r son of Nathaniel Stone layd hold of ye Covenant of God & gave up himselfe to be under Church watch.

4: 10: 84 Miriam wife of Free Balsh & Sarah wife of Thomas Gage admitted to full communion in this Church. Allso John Bachelder & his wife beeing deceased gave good hope of their dying in the faith & yt if they had lived longer purposed to joyne in communion wth this Church but beeing prevented by death, their childrens case was considered by ye Church, as allso ye case of Joseph Eaton a childe of ye covenant in ye Church at Reddin, but living in this towne desiered to putt himselfe under ye discipline of Christ in this Church & have baptisme for his children. Ye Brethen consent yt ye Pastor may peacably proceed to ye baptizing of these & other children in such like cases.

[24] 1678, 3: 10: At a Church meeting ye 3: 10: 78, were admitted to full communion in this Church John Hirreck, Mary wife of Edward Dodge & Elizabeth Hooper.

1679, 1: 4: John Conant jun^r solemnly owning ye Covenant of God & giving up himselfe & seed to God wth submission to ye discipline of Christ in this Church had his son Lot baptized.

1678² 4: 1: A Church meeting w^r in John Wooden was admitted into this Church by dismission from Haverill Church. Allso Joseph Dodge admitted to full communion: & John Dodge jun^r upon his repentance manifested to ye Church was forgiven unanimously. Allso voted then yt another Deacon be chosen to assist Humphrey Woodbury Sn^r in yt work: but ye person not chosen till another meeting.

17. 6. 1684. Admitted to full communion in this Church ye Relict of Josiah Haskall, Christian Trask & ye wife of Thomas Raiment.

24. 6. 1684. John Dodge ju^r was admitted to full communion.

22: 1: 168 $\frac{4}{5}$ John Bond owned ye covenant & submitted to ye discipline of this Church & had baptisme for his childe.

5. 2. 1685: were ordained & established Humphry Woodbury Sn^r & John Hill Sn^r (who had been before chosen) in ye office of Deacons by prayer & laying on of ye hands of ye Pastor.

19. 2. 85, Robert Cue & Elizabeth Harvey were joyned to full Communion wth this Church.

26. 2. 1685, Widdow Wood admitted to full communion.

31. 3. 85, ye wife of Samuell Morgan admitted to full communion.

5. 5. 85, Rachel Sibly of Manchester admitted to this Church

9. 6. 85, Edward Bury admitted into ye Church.

6. 7. 85, Goody Curtice Sn^r admitted to fellowship of ye Church.

18. 8. 85. Ruth wife of Nehemiah Grover admitted to full Communion.

8. 9. 85, Hannah wife of Roger Haskall admitted to full Communion.

The relict widow of Joseph Haskall admitted to Communion in this Church, See 17: 6: 84.¹

[25] 18: 2: 1686, Mary wife of W^m Eliot received to full communion in this church.

23: 3: 1686 Hanah wife of John Balch admitted to communion & baptized.

18. 5. 86, Joseph Hirreck Sn^r, Mary his wife & Thomas Goldsmith admitted to full communion.

8. 6. 86, John Cresie owned ye Covenant of God & subjected to ye watch & goverment of Christ in this Church.

15. 6. 86, Eme ye wife of James Taylor owned Gods Covenant & subjected herselfe to ye watch & goverment of this Church.

¹ Here follows the same vote passed 5. 12. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ and dated the same.

19. 7. 86, Mark Haskell professed his faith, subjected himself to this Church & was Baptized & ye wife of John Cleark owned ye Covenant & had her Childe baptized. See baptisms.

20. 8. 86, Peter Woodbury Sn^r was by ye brethren of this Church chosen to ye office of a Deacon in this Church.

16. 9. 86, The Church beeing met Brother Peter Woodbury declared his acceptance of ye office of a deacon. Then also Goody Pride & Goody Cleaves were admitted to full communion wth this Church.

28. 9. 86, Goodwife Coburn admitted to full communion in this Church.

5. 10. 86, Nickolas Woodbury owned Gods Covenant & subjected himself to ye discipline of Christ in this Church & had baptisme for his children.

23. 11. 16⁸⁷ Mrs. Thorndick making profession publicly of her faith & repentance was baptized but not beeing clear in her owne spirit did not at present proceed to ye Lords Supper.

24. 2. 1687, Mr. Andrew Eliot admitted to full communion in this Church & Humphry Horrell subjected himself to ye watch of this Church & had his children baptized.

22. 3. 87, Hanah wife of Robert Bradford admitted to this Church.

4. 4. 87, Mrs. Mary Smith dismissed to ye North Church at Boston.

19. 4. 87, Mary wife of Joseph Hirreck jun^r admitted to full communion.

10. 5. 87, Hanah wife of John Trask Sn^r admitted to full communion.

7. 6. 87, Mary relict of John Tovie owned Gods covenant & had her child baptized.

9. 8. 87, Mary daughter of Ben. Balch Sn^r admitted to full communion.

6. 9. 87. Ralph Ellenwood admitted to full communion in this Church.

4. 10. 87, Sarah wife of Georg Trow owned ye covenant & had her son baptized.

1. 11. 1687, Mary ye wife of Tobias Trow desired baptisme upon ye profession of faith & repentance & subjected herselfe to ye watch of this Church beeing baptized.

17. 4. 88, The wife of Mark Haskall was admitted to full communion.

15. 5. 88, Daniell Collins received to full communion.

12. 6. 88, Humphry Horrel & his wife received to full communion.

12. 6. 88, Isaac Woodbury jun^r took hold of Gods Covenant & engaged himselfe & had his childe baptized.

2. 7. 88, Charitie wife of Thomas Whitteridge joyned in fellowship wth this Church & had her children baptized.

30. 10. 88, Jacob Griggs & his wife Ellenor joyned in fellowship wth this Church.

[12] 1. 89, Deacon Peter Woodbury ordained by prayer & laying on of hands.

31. 1. 1689, Deborah daughter of Andrew Mansfield of Lyn & wife to Philip White owned ye Covenant & gave herselfe up to this Church.

21. 2. 89, Elizabeth Corning & Mary Raiment her daughter were admitted into this church by Letters of Dismission from Gloster Church.

Ruth ye wife of W^m Haskall ju^r owned ye Covenant.

19. 3. 89, Elizabeth wife of Joseph Woodbury ingaged her self in covenant wth & under this Church & had her childe baptized.

16. 4. 89, Marget King was admitted to full communion wth ye Church.

23. 4. 89, John Lee of Manchester owned solemnly Gods Covenant & subjected to ye goverment of Christ in this Church.

29. 7. 1689, Ruth wife of Joseph Drinker admitted to ye Lords Supper.

29. 7. 89, Abigail Grover submitted to ye discipline of this Church & to be baptized upon profession of faith & repentance not beeing baptized before.

[26] 3. 9. 1689, Dorcas wife of Anthony Coombs owned ye Covenant & had baptisme for her childe.

8. 10. 89, John Cresie & his wife Sarah were admitted to full communion.

15. 10. 89, Martha Bacie admitted to ye fellowship of this Church.

2. 12. 1688⁹, Mary wife of Solaman Cole admitted to fellowship of ye Church.

20. 2. 1690, Andrew Woodbury ju^r owned solemnly Gods covenant & subjected to ye goverment of Christ in his Church.

27. 2. 90, Eme ye wife of James Taylor received to full communion.

27. 2. 1690, James Kettle owned publickly ye Covenant of God & subjected to ye goverment of Christ in his Church.

1. 4. 1690, Jane Stacy upon her profession of faith & repentance was baptized & admitted to this Church.

8. 4. 1690, Jonathan Raiment & his wife Sarah were admitted to full communion in this Church & Hanah wife of Thomas Cox owned ye Covenant of God & submitted to ye goverment of Christ in ye Church & had her children baptized.

15. 4. 1690, Nathaniel Wallis admitted to communion in this church.

22. 4. 1690, Elizabeth Perkins dismissed to ye Church at Bridgewater.

29. 4. 1690, Miriam wife of W^m Haskall admitted to communion & baptized.

6. 5. 1690, Elizabeth wife of Isaak Woodbury ju^r admitted to Communion & Mrs. Abigail Balaam to Communion & baptisme to her & childe.

17. 5. 90, Joanna wife of Leift W^m Dodge had her Letter of dismission from ye Church of Charlestowne read & shee accordingly received by this church into or fellowship though through sickness she was not present.

21. 10. 90, Isaak Woodbury ju^r received to full communion in ye Church.

8. 1. 91, Peter Woodbury ju^r & Mary wife of Nickolas Woodbury admitted to full communion.

26. 2. 91, Joshua Wallis upon personall profession of faith & repentance was baptized & admitted to ye church.

3. 3. 91, Mark Haskall Sn^r baptized upon profession of faith & repentance ye 19. 7. 86, but being not clear in his owne spirit went not farther till this day he first came

to ye Lords Supper. Now allso John Giles Sn^r was admitted to this church.

3. 3. 91, Hanah wife of Philip Babson did publickly engage herselfe to ye Lord by Covenant & to this Church by ye will of God & craved baptisme for her childe.

31. 3. 1691, Abigail Brisco & Hanah wife of John Pride ju^r admitted to ye Lords Supper.

7. 3. 1691, Elizabeth wife of Christopher Reed baptized upon a profession of faith &c.

Memorandum, 4. 6. 1690, my son Robert Hale received into full communion with this Church & I going to Canada he carryd on ye work of preaching the Gospel with this people till my returne 20. 9. 1690.

23. 6. 1691, John Conant, Ithamar Wooden & Widdow Eme Bond admitted to ye Lords Supper in this Church.

30. 6. 91, Martha wife of Luke Perkins tooke hold of Gods Covenant for herselfe & her childe.

20. 7. 91, Elizabeth wife of Joseph Hebert & her daughter Mary wife of Daniel Collins admitted to ye Lords Supper in this Church.

27. 7. 91, Thomas Woodbury ju^r owned Gods Covenant putt himselfe under ye goverment of this Church & had 3 children baptized.

4. 8. 91, Katherin Sallows widdow publickly renewed her covenant wth God & submitted to Christs goverment in his Church.

[27] 1. 9. 1691, Received to full communion in this Church Richard Stackhouse, Mrs. Mary Hardie & Sarah wife of John Grover ju^r & ye two latter had children baptized

15. 9. 91, Mary ye wife of Job: Trow came to ye Lords Supper having before made profession of faith & repentance at her baptism 1: 11: $\frac{8}{8}$.

3. 11. 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ Edward Wittington joyned in fellowship wth this Church.

7. 12. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jeremiah Bootman joyned to ye Church.

May 1. 92, Alice wife of John Woodbury dismissed from ye Church at Marblehead & received to ours.

June 12. 1692, Mary wife of Benjamin Ellenwood baptized upon ye profession of her faith & repentance; yet

desiers to waite a while before she comes to ye Lords Supper.

July 24. 1692, Mary wife of Samuells Morgan Sn^r received to or communion by letters of dismission from Gloster Church.

July 31. 92, Jonathan [Dike] professed faith & repentance & baptized.

30. 8. 1692, Martha Trelance owned ye covenant & had her childe baptized.

16. 8. 92, Rebecca wife of Nath: Raiment owned ye covenant & her childe baptized.

6. 9. 92. Sam: Stone Sn^r owned Gods Covenant, subjected to ye Church &c.

20. 9. 92, Capt: W^m Raiment joynd in full communion wth this Church.

27. 9. 92, Admitted into Communion of this Church by letters of Dismission from ye Church at Chebacco in Ipswich Sarah wife of Henry Hirreck & from Wenham Mary wife of John Black.

4. 10. 92, Mary Briars Baptized & admitted to fellowship in this Church.

11. 10. 92, Abiaⁿ wife of Joshua Wallis admitted to full communion.

18. 10. 92, Joshua Wallis came to ye Lords Supper wth his wife.

12. March 1693, Admitted to ye Lords table Sarah wife of Caleb Wallis & Rachel wife of W^m Bradford.

2. April 1693, Mathew Bootman submitted himself under ye watch of this church & upon professing faith & repentance was Baptized.

Aprill 9. 1693, Baptized { Jeremiah son of Mathew &
Elizabeth Bootman.
Robert son of William &
Ruth Haskal.

April 16. Cornelius Baker ju^r engaged himselfe in ye Covenant of God & subjected himself to ye watch of this church, & had his childe baptized.

May 8. 1693, Sam: Hirreck subjected himself to this church & took hold of Gods Covenant for himselfe & his.

July 16. 93, Sam. Stone ju^r subjected himself to this church & had his childe baptized.

30. 5. 93, Elizabeth wife of Robert Cue received to full communion.

6. 6. 93, Abigail wife of Cornelius Larkum owned Gods Covenant for himselfe & seed & subjected himselfe to ye Government of Christ in this Church.

7. 11. 169 $\frac{3}{4}$, Admitted to full communion in this church Benjamin Balsh Sn^r & Katherin wife of John Wooden ju^r shee beeing now baptized.

28. 11. 169 $\frac{3}{4}$, Josiah Wallis admitted to full communion; Rebekah Stanford was baptized & Robert Morgan personally owned ye Covenant of God.

25. 12. 169 $\frac{3}{4}$, James Wallis owned Gods Covenant & subjected to ye watch of this Church.

11. 1. 1694, Nath Haward Sn^r & Elizabeth Pool joyned in full Communion.

25. 1. 1694, Thomas Goldsmith dismissed from hence to ye Church at Southhold.

29. 2. 1694, John Wooden ju^r Joined in full communion in this Church.

6. 3. 94, Phebe Larkum manifested repentance & layd hold of ye Covenant of God in this church.

27. 3. 94, Thomas Woodbury Sn^r Joanna wife of W^m Woodbury ju^r & Joanna Dodge widdow were admitted to full communion, & Samuel Corning ye 3^d owned Gods Covenant & subjected himselfe to Christ in this church.

[28] 3 June 1694, Eme wife of Andrew Woodbury & Mary wife of Peter Woodbury ju^r were both admitted to ye Lords table in the Church.

July 1. 94, Abi[el] wife of Samuel Stone ju^r, admitted to ye Lords Supper.

July 29. 94, Leiften: W^m Dodge & Sarah Horrel admitted to Lords Supper.

August 5. 94, Caleb Wallis made profession of faith & repentance & baptized.

23. 7. 94, Mary wife of Jo: Smith & Mary Wheeler (the latter beeing now baptized) were admitted to full communion in ye church.

14. 8. 1694, Jonathan Morse & his wife were dismissed

to ye church about gathering at Middleborow or if yt be obstructed to ye church at Plimouth.

4. 9. 1694 Goody Mercy Chub baptized & admitted to ye Lords Supper.

18. 9. 1694, W^m Bradford admitted to communion in ye Lords Supper.

23. 10. 94, Mercy Chub ju^r professed faith & repentance, was baptized & putt herselfe under ye watch of this church.

13. 11. 1694 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sarah wife of Edmund Gale admitted to full communion in this church.

3. 1. 1694 $\frac{1}{2}$, Martha wife of James Wallis made profession of faith & repentance & submitted to the watch of this Church & was baptized.

10. 1. 94 $\frac{1}{2}$, Mary wife of Benjamin Ellenwood came to ye Lords Supper.

7. 2. 95, Edward Dodge admitted to ye Lords Supper.

2. 4. 95, Martha Perkins joyned in full communion with this Church.

30. 4. 95, Elizabeth wife of Nath Haward Sn^r admitted to ye Lords Supper.

28. 5. 95, Samuel Goodale Joyned to this Church.

25. 6. 95, ye wife of Leift John Dodge & Ruth wife of Nehemiah Haward ju^r & Ruth daughter of John Woodbury all admitted to full communion in this church.

25. 6. 95, Rebeckah Standly wife of John Standly professed faith & is baptized.

1. 7. 95, Mary wife of Robert Woodbury owned Gods covenant personally in this Church.

22. 7. 95, Hanah Haward wife of Nath: Haward ju^r admitted to this Church upon her personall profession of faith & repentance.

13. 8. 95, Margaret Grover widdow & Elizabeth wife of Stephen H[ireck] owned ye covenant of God & subjected to this church.

17. 9. 95, Admitted to ye Lords Supper John Welsh & Sarah his wife, Hanah wife of Ebenezer Woodbury, Hanah wife of John Ober, Elizabeth wife of Mathew Bootman, Martha Trenance, Mercy wife of Gabriel Wood.

15. 10. 95, came to ye Lords Supper Elizabeth Rea & Hanah wife of Nath Haward jr having before manifested faith & repentance, & now upon y^r present profession admitted to o^r communion Martha wife of Samuel Balsh, Hannah Swarton widdow, Lydia wife of Nehemiah Stone & Sarah wife of W^m Hoar ye two latter now baptized.

22. 10. 95, Tabitha Slew baptized & submitted to be under this church.

12. 11. 9⁵/₆, Abiel wife of Peter Yarinton & Elizabeth wife of John Elenwood & Priscilla daughter of Cornelius Baker these admitted to ye Lords Supper.

8. March 9⁵/₆, W^m Eliot & Goodwife Deborah Roundeye admitted to communion.

April 5. 96, Leift Joⁿ Sibly of Manchester & Ruth Dodge received to ye Lords Supper.

May 3. 96, Bethia wife of Thomas Lovet manifested repentance & submitted herselfe to Christ & his Church heer & desired baptisme for her children.

June 14. 96, Katherin De Laud putt herself under ye watch of this church.

July 19th 96, Rebecca Lucas putt herself under this church & was baptized.

July 26. 96, Anna Rich widdow Baptized & Joyned in full communion wth ye church.

October 4. 96, Mary Thistle made profession of faith & repentance & was baptized & Samuel Lee of Manchester personally took hold of ye Covenant in this Church & had his children Baptized.

October 18, 96, Sarah wife of Edward Coburn of Salem (daughter of Brother Nathaniel Haward) owned ye Covenant of God for herselfe & her seed.

15. 9. 96, John Lee of Manchester Joyned in full communion in this Church.

13. 10. 96, Hannah wife of John Green came to Communion in this Church & John Bachelder & Bethia his wife made confession of their sin & manifested faith & repentance & ingaged themselves personally to & under this church.

[29] 14. 12. 169⁶/₇, Thomas Lovet professed faith &

repentance & subjected himselfe to ye watch of this Church & Widdow Deland came to ye Lords table.

2. 2. 1697, Ellenor wife of Edmund Ashby admitted to o^r communion.

25. 2. 1697, Joseph Harris ju^r baptized & received to o^r communion of ye Church.

2. 3. 1697, Anna wife of Walter Shaw received to communion in this church.

30. 3. 1697, Robert Woodbury & Abraham Gale publickly owned ye Covenant & subjected to Christs government in this church & their children baptized.

27. 4. 97. Abigail wife of Cornelius Baker joyned in full communion wth ye church & Jonathan & Elizabeth Hirreck made a profession of faith & repentance & owned ye Covenant & subjected ymselves to the watch of this church.

1. 6. 97, John Raiment Sn^r, Susanna wife of Samuel Corning ju^r & ye wife of Symon Lovet came to ye Lords Supper.

29. 6. 97, Elizabeth Bowden widdow & Elizabeth wife of Samuel Stone Sn^r were admitted to ye Lords Supper.

July 15. 1694, William Dodge son of Capt W^m Dodge personally owned ye Covenant of God, subjected to this church & had a son baptized.

5. 7. 97, Thomas Sallows personally owned ye covenant of God & subjected to ye goverment of this church & had 2 children baptized.

19. 7. 97, John Green made profession of faith, subjected to this church & was baptized.

26. 7. 97, Rachel wife of John Tuck Sn^r & Sarah wife of John Tuck ju^r admitted to o^r fellowship & ye latter baptized.

3. 8. 97, Rebecca widdow of Joseph Harris ju^r Received into full communion.

7. 9. 97, Edward Bishop Sn^r Samuel Haskal & Widdow Knight of Manchester were received into full communion with this church.

26. 10. 97, Deborah Morgan ju^r manifested faith & repentance & subjected to the watch of this Church & was baptized.

2. 11. 169 $\frac{7}{8}$; Samuel Bishop & Elizabeth wife of Jonathan Hirreck came to the Lords Supper.

2. 3. 98, Rachel Littlefield of Wells daughter of Capt Sibly of Manchester layd hold of ye Covenant of God in this church for herselfe & childe.

29. 3. 98, Lydia wife of Josiah Littlefield of Wells publickly took hold of the Covenant of God & had her childe baptized.

29. 3. 98, Elizabeth wife of Benjamin Wallis layd hold of the covenant of God for herself & childe & subjected herself to the watch of this Church.

5. 4. 98, { Joyned to this Church Ruth wife of Goodman Ma[sters] of Manchester
Ruth Haskins widdow, Abigail Bla[sh]field
& Hannah Cox.
Owned ye Covenant Jonathan Baker.

3. 5. 98, Ebenezar Dodge personally owned ye Covenant of God.

7. 6. 98, Joseph Hirrek ju^r admitted to full communion in this Church.

11. Sept. 98, A letter was sent to this church from ye people at Exeter to desier assistance in ye gathering a Church & ordaining Mr John Clark (who is o^r son) to ye office of a Pastor of A church & accordingly ye Pastor of this Church with his son Robert Hale & ye deacon Jo: Hill & Deacon Peter Woodbury were chosen & desired to goe.

2. 8. 98, Joseph Dodge ju^r was admitted to full Communion in this Church.

6. 9. 98, Chosen to assist in ye Church ordination at Salem Village, Leift John Dodge Leift Andrew Eliot & the two deacons.

13. 9. 98, Miriam White Widdow owned ye Covenant of God & subjected to this Church.

27. 9. 98, Mary ye relict of Benjamin Woodbury owned Gods Covenant & subjected to this Church.

4. 10. 98, Letters of Dismission were granted by ye brethren for Samuel Goodale to Salem Village Church; & for Sarah Horrel (now by her marriage called Goodale) to the Church in Woodstock.

(To be continued.)

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ROLL OF CAPT. ALLEN'S COMPANY, 1777.

A List of the Mens Names Belonging to Cap^t Allens Company in Col^o Edward Wiggelsworths Battalion, Springfield April 23^d 1777.

NOW PRESENT.	RANK.	NOW PRESENT.	RANK.
Noah Allen	Capt ^t	Jedidiah Winch	Private
Walter Dean	Eni ⁿ	Ashel Wright	Do
Edward Anable	Serj ^t	Obidiah Brown	
Ambros Markham	D ^o		
Nath ^l Bettis	D ^o	<i>Sick on the March.</i>	
Ezra Walker	Corp ^l	Jn ^o . Spoor	Do
Eben ^r Hall	Corp ^l		
Simeon Smith	Drum	<i>Absent by Leve.</i>	Rank.
Char ^s Soul	Fifer	Eben ^r . Smith	1 st Lieut.
Elihu Allen	Private	Ifaac Burton	2 ^d Lt.
Char ^s Ellice	D ^o		
Joseph Gleson	D ^o	Obediah Johnfon	Private
Mikhel Lyon	D ^o	Dan ^l . Williams	D ^o
Amos Smith	D ^o	Jn ^o Smith	D ^o
Eliphalet Smith	D ^o	Sam ^l Gilfon	D ^o
Afa Smith	D ^o	David Smith	D ^o
Will ^m Smith	D ^o	Sam ^l . Smith	D ^o
Obid Commins	D ^o	Jn ^o Pike	D ^o
Sam ^l Standleft	D ^o	Will ^m Pall	D ^o
Ephraim Leonard	D ^o	Hoytt	D ^o
James Vanguelder	D ^o		
Ifaac Warker	D ^o	Sumtotal 37.	

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¹ These papers are selected from the Manuscript Collections of Joseph Coffin, the historian of Newbury, now in the possession of the Essex Institute.

LETTER FROM JOHN SMITH OF WOODBRIDGE, N. J.

Lo : friend Henry Short yours I receiued : & y^e wooll you speake of I also receiued which I thainke you for : I pray p^rsent my respects wth my wiues to yo^r father and mother and to Sarah yo^r sister : if you com hither I shall be glad to se you here : if you bring anything with you : as you hint in yo^r leter som thoughts that way : if you se caus to bring good store of good sheepes wooll and nayles for shooes : and clabord : (6^{ts} & 8^{ts}) & som Rugs & blainckiting of trucking cloth : & : mallasis and som powder & leade & for other thinges I leaue to yo^r owne Consideration : and for y^e pduct of y^e Contrey here it is wheate att 4^s 6^d p b : poarke 3^{lb} 10^s p barrill beefe 2^{lb} or 2^{lb} 10^s, Indian : 3^s.

I would pray you to procure me a pnd of endegoe : and send to my wif : by Sam^{ll} hale and I shall endeuer to satisfie you wether you com yo^rself or not.

thus desiringe to heare of yo^r welfare I rest yo^{rs} in what I may

John Smith.

ffrom Woodbridg in new Jersey,

this 13th of aprill (1673)

I have spoken wth goodman Blomfield about y^e 14^s y^t you speak of and he says he will take som care about it ere it be long but I yet haue receiued nothing of him.

ffor His Lou^{ln} and much respected friend Henry Shortt Jun^r att newbery in N : E. These

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 AGREEMENT TO BUILD CORN MILL FOR HENRY SHORT.

Articles of agreement made and Concluded this thirty first day of December Año Dom̄ sixteen hundred eighty & eight Between Serj John Hale of newbury in the County of Efsex in new England & John Emery Jun^r both Carpent^{rs} of the one p^{ty} & Henry short of the Towne

and County afores^d of y^e other p^{ty} witneseth That the s^d John Hale & John Emery do for y^mselves theyr Heyres Execut^s & Administ^rs jountly & severally do Covenant & promise to & wth the said Henry Short his heyrs Execut^s & Administ^rs or Afsignes to build & erect for y^e said Henry Short his Heyrs Execut^s & Administ^rs a good sufficient Corne mill and to set the same uppon the little river at the Lower end of the said Henry shorts pasture and to do all the Carpent^rs work of the same that is to say to do all the Carpenters work of y^e s^d mill and Dam and Butments to the same belonging or that may be requisite or convenient also to make all the ruⁿing Geers as water wheele Cog wheele & Trundle head also to build a Mill House of twenty foote in Length and twenty five foote in breadth and to finish the same by boarding or shingling as the s^d Henry short shall appoint all which the said John Hale and John Emery Jun^r for them selves theyr Execut^s & Administ^rs do promise & engage compleatly to finish uiz. y^e Mill & mill house and all maⁿer of Carpenters work belonging to y^e same whither heere exp^ressed or not exp^ressed according to rules of Art in every perticuler fitt to grind corne well and servisable at or before the twenty fifth day of Decemb^r w^{ch} will be in the year of our lord 1689. The said John Hale and John Emery are to oversee that the gravelling and earthing of y^e Dam be done as it should be done the said Henry Short to provid all Timber Boards plank Iron work and hands to doe all the earth work and Gravelling about the said mill. In Consideration of the premises & upon y^e honest & faithfull performance of the said work by the said Carpenters in every perticuler y^e said Henry Short doth hereby oblige himselfe his heyrs execut^s & Administ^rs to pay to y^e said Jno Hale ten pounds in good Lawfull mony of New England & fiveteen pounds in good merchantable Indian Corne & Cattell at equall proportions & thirty pounds in good merchantable malt And to John Emery Jun^r ten pounds in good lawfull mony of new England and fiveteen pounds in good merchantable Indian Corne and Cattell at equall proportions & thirty pounds in good merchantable malt at price currant as it goes from man to

man all which to be paid at or before y^e first day of June which will be in y^e year 1690.

In confirmation of all y^t is above written y^e p^tyes concerned haue heerunto fet y^r hands & seals y^e Day & year above f^d.

Signed Sealed & intr^r changeably delu'd in p^rfens of uf

William ^{his}W Michill

John Hale sen^r [seal]

Mary ^{her}M _{mark}ford

John Emery Jr [seal]

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Andover: y^e 21: of April: 1707:—

Honoured Sir in obdienc to yours bearing date y^e: 17: instant for three men: I haue sent you three as good hands as I can command: and doubt not but thay will be well accepted: thair names are as followeth: Joseph Abbott for himself: Joseph phelps sarut: To lieu^t gorg Abbott: John Crose for himself: ordered to be at Newbery acord to the time appointed,

John Chandler.

To the Honuorable lieu^t
Colonel Noyse at Newbury
deliuer
by lieu^t Abbott.

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PETITION TO GENERAL COURT FOR SETTING OFF A NEW
PARISH IN NEWBURY, 1711.

To

The Honourable Great & Gen^{ell} Court or Asembly of
her Majest^s Province of y^e Mafschufets Bay
In New-Engl^d, now conuened.

The petition of y^e Subscribers Humbly sheweth;
That whereas y^{or} Petitioners (or some of them) have of

late presented yo^r Hon^{rs} with our humble Address for Release from under y^t Restraint your Pleasure was to lay us under from proceeding further in building a New Meeting House untill after Hearing before yo^r Hon^{rs} And for your Benign Indulgence of us so far as to Grant to us your Favourable Permission to proceed in y^t Affaire wherein yo^r Hon^{rs} (as yet) have been pleased to suspend your Answer thereunto. We are bold once more to Adventure to give yo^r Hon^{rs} y^e Trouble of another Address Importuning yo^r Favourable Answer. Hoping & verily persuading ourselves, That as it is purely Religious Interests w^{ch} Instigate & oblige us thus to be concerned for y^e Instituted Publick Worship & service of God: The Instruction & Edification of ourselves & ours under y^e means of Grace, (w^{ch} by reason of old age in some & Infancy in others is so much Obstructed under our present Circumstances as renders it Next to Impossible to be attended upon as they ought to be :) So those Religious well grounded principles w^{ch} have upon all occasions so frequently & eminently discovered themselves to be truly Rooted in y^e Hearts of yo^r Hon^{rs} by yo^r professed & practical Compliance wth what may have a tendency to promote things of y^t nature (togeth^r wth what els hath heretofore been spread before this Honourable Assembly) will so far Oblige your Hon^{rs} to be Interested in y^e promotion of those Interests of ours, as to Indulge us wth your Favourable Grant of Liberty to proceed in y^e finishing of our Meeting-House. And to call some Orthodox Approved person to preach y^e Word of God to us there. Whome (notwithstanding y^e usual objection framed on y^t acct against us) we Trust under God's Blessing we shall so Accommodate as may be approved by yo^r Hon^{rs} & satisfactory & comfortable to himself: Thus praying yo^r Hon^{rs} pardon & Favourable Indulgence, We subscribe ourselves yo^r Hon^{rs} Humble Petition^{rs} :
 Newbury : Dat^d : no : y^e 4th : 1711.

Abraham Merrill
 Joshua Brown
 John Sawyer
 John Merrill

John Bartlett
 Joseph Bailey
 Samuell Bartlet
 Thomas Barlet

Nathanail Bartlet	Hanary Bradley
John Bartlet 3	John Emery
Richard Bartlett	Thoms Wells
Samuell Bartlett	John Eayr
Josiah sawyer	John Fres
Jofhua fayer	Stephen Coffin
Samuel Sawyer	James ffreese
Thomas Brown	Stephen Sawyer
John Bayley	Jofhua Bayley
Isaac Bayley	John Atkinson ⁱⁿ
William Moulton	Aquila Chese
Joseph Annis	Timothy Merrock
Charls Annis	Daniel Merill
Daniel ofiLaway	nathen meril
Jofeph Hoyt	John Brown
Robert Rogrs	Nataniel Noyes
Dauid Mirrill	Daniel Pilfbery
Joseph Little	Josiah Pilsbeary
George Little	Job Pilsbery
Benjamin morfs	John Worth
Richad williams	Samuel poor
Jofhua Brown ju	Zachariah Daus
Benjamin Chese	Jofeph Poore
wdo, Elizebeth Worth	Cutting Moodey
John sawer	John ordway
Ephraim Daus,	Abial Long
John Rogers	Archelaus woodman
John ordway	Sarah Tompson
Jonathan Sayer	Jofeph Brown
John Cooper	

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NEWBURY SOLDIERS, 1744-6.

An account of the men been in the service fince
the war Commenced.

Co ^l Peirce, June 1744,	John Emery
Sam ^l Plumer Ju	1745.
Stephen Dole	Mofes fhort

Benj ^a Pettingell Ju	Sam ⁿ Coleby Ju
July 27-1745	Moses ordway Jun
Richard Knight	July 27-1745
Aprill 28-1746	John Whittier
John Pettingell Ju	April 18, 1746
Daniel Emery	Joshua fergeant
July 18-1746	Josiah Harve
timothy Woofter	Cap ^t Currier, 1744
Joseph Jackman	Edward Gooding
Silvanus Plumer	Sam ⁿ Weed
Henry Short	James Hadlock
Sam ⁿ Hale	Jon ^a Huntington
Co ^{ll} Gerrish, since the war.	June 1745
June 1744——inqueft.	Will ^m morrill
Benj ^m Willet	Sam ⁿ Blasedill
Folan Coombs	July 27-1745
John sweet	Sent one man
Jeremiah Pearson Ju	Aprill 18-1746
Benj ^m Page	Edmund Coleby
Matthew Perkins	Eliakim Hunt
July y ^e 27-1745.	May y ^e 11-1746
George (fices?)	Edward Gooding
Aprill 28-1746	Cap ^t Ch'ng Comp 1744.
Nathan Woodbery	John ofgood
John Perkins	James Carr
June 11-1746	Benj French
Joseph Jaques	Joseph Pike
July 18-1746	June 1745
Enoch Sweet	Joseph ofgood
Daniel Weed	Jeremiah Joy
Hugh Coombs	July 27-1745
John Hale	Ezekiel Evens
Daniel Clark	Aprill 18-1746
Ezekiel Mighill	Jeremiah Griffin
Nathan Peabody	Aprill 28-1746
Cap ^t Hoyte, 1744	Robert Gatchell
Thomas Coleby	Jacob Blasedill
Cutting fergeant	July 18-1746
David martine	Abraham Watfon
Zacheus Hunt	Tristram Sanborn
June 1745	Moses Blasedill

NEWBURY SOLDIERS AT CROWN POINT, 1756.

Newbury Sept^r y^e 6 : 1756

Recd The men ; Soldiers hereafter named being Imprefs'd in his Majesties Service against Crown Point, in the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Essex whereof John Greanleaf Esq^r is Co^{ll} Vize. Benj^m Winter Abner Bayley Joseph Pettingell Jacob Thompson Enoch Wells Summer Shackford John Currier David Downing & Ebenezer Fellowes. I have Recid said Soldiers to march them to Worfester & there to attend untill further orders. I fay Recd said Soldiers : of maj^r Joseph Coffin pr me :

Tho^s: Clark

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NEWBURY SOLDIERS AT CAPE BRETON, 1744-46.

In Co^{ll} Gerrish Company against Cape Breton.

Andrew Peirce	John Harburd
Jonathan Shatfwell	John march
Elipholet noyes	Abraham Edwards
Giles Harris	Peter filver
Caleb Greenleaf	Jeremiah moulton
John Dole Jun.	John Gage
John Akers	Peter wonder
Stephen Presby	Jacob Rowell
Jeremiah Pearson Ju ^r	Ebenezer Sweafy
Thomas arnold	Sam ^{ll} Long
Ambrose Coleby	Jon ^a Gage
Solemon Hodgskins	Joseph Goodhue
John Hobkins	Gidean woodwell
Benj ^m Page	Lemuel Jenkins
Samuel Harriſe	mathew Pettengell
John march 3 ^d	Rich ^d Wooster
Benj ^m Coleby	Nath ^l Newman
Jofhua french	Nath ^l Newman Ju ^r
ofia h french	John Newman

Benj ^m titcomb	Zacheus Hunt
John Downer Jur	John bowls
Spencer Coleby	June 1745
Enoch Hunt	fam ^l Greenleaf
Josiah merrill	John Smith
Jacob titcomb	John Howard
Stephen Sweet	John Pearfon
Jacob true	Daniel Hills
Daniel Plumer	July 27-1745
Joseph Eaton	James Smith 3 ^d
Philip march	Aprill y ^e 18-1746
John Coleby	John Kelly
Rich ^d Carr	Aprill 28-1746
Daniel Lunt Jur	Stephen Clark
Joseph Cheny	May 11-1746
Enock Sweet	Francis Follenfby
Martin Ayer	July 18-1746
Nath ^l march	Timothy Cooper
Joseph Rowell	fam ^l merrill Jun
Sam ^l Todd	fam ^l Jaques
Benj ^m Prefbe	Cape Breen
John Harris	John Currier
Benj ^m sweet Jun	Hezekiah Hutchins
Joseph Hudfon	Pheneas Hardy
John Couch	thomas morfs
in Cap ^t Bartell Comp 1744	Jacob March, Doc ^r
June	John Plumer
James Pike	

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NEWBURY SOLDIERS, "SOME TO BRETON, SOME TO THE
EASTWARD."

Daniel Hill
Archelaus merril for mofes fhort
Benjamin Pettingall Jun
Jonathan Elsworth
Jonathan Town [for] Daniel todd
Timothy Palmer

Jacob Gurdon [for] Stephen Dole
 John woodman
 Nathan adams
 Ifaac whitier [for] Jeremiah Goodridge
 Daniel richardson
 Nathan nichols [for] John Poor
 John Foot [for] Jonathan Bartlet
 Jonathan weed [for] John merrill
 Henry Flood [for] Enoch morfs
 Samuel Greenleaf
 John Pearson
 John Smith
 John Howard
 James Hidden [for] Jon^a Plumer
 Lewis Perry [for] thomas morfs
 John French
 Samuel French
 Jeremiah Joy
 Joseph Ofgood for Richard ofgood
 William morril
 Samuel Blazedell
 Samuel Colbe
 Moses Ordway
 Nathan Lambard

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CANADA EXPEDITION SUBSCRIPTION, 1776.

Newbury July 10 1776.

We whose Names are under Written have Paid the Sums set against our Respective names for the Expedition of Canada Against our unnatural Enemies of Great Britian Vz :

Life Adams Paid	3-15-0
Enoch Adams Paid	0-18-0
Enoch Boynton ju Paid	2- 8-0
Cop Daniel Chute Paid	5- 0-0

Richard Goodtridge Paid	2- 0-0
Stephen Gerrish Paid	2- 0-0
Sam ^{ll} Longfellow Paid	2- 0-6
Lieu Joseph Moody Paid	5- 0-0
Paul Moody Paid	5- 0-0
Joseph Danford Paid	3-15-0
Simon Thorla Paid	3-15-6
Sam ^{ll} Thorla Paid	2- 8-0
John Noyes Paid	2- 8-0
Joseph Gerrish Paid	1-16-0
Daniel Hale	0-15-0

Canada men.

John Copp
 Tristram Thorla
 Thomas Bolten
 Benjⁿ Swain
 Brad^t Wiggin
 Joses Randall

—ester men

Richard Martin
 Moses Lull Jun

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INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMANDER OF SLOOP SWIFT,
 MAY 23, 1776.

In Committee of War may 23^d 1776

Cap^t John Wiggilfworth

S^r

You being appointed to the Command of the Sloop Swift, One of the Vessels fitted out by this Colony, to Observe the motions of the ministerial fleets, and army, of G^t Brittain, you are when your Vessel is properly fixed for that purpose, to sail with all possible Expedition, and Cruise between Cape Cod, and Cape Sable, and keep the best look Out you possibly Can for the discovery of any fleet that may be Coming, to the Westward, or whatever Course they may have Steered for some time, and when you have obtained Intelligence as

afforesaid, or made such discovery, (that is of a fleet of any Considerable number of Ships and other Vessels and the Course they steer) you are then With the greatest dispatch, to Convey such Inteligence, to the Council of this Colony, any one of them, or the Committee of War, and you are to use your best discrefsion in Cruiseing to avail yourself of such motions of the Enemy, as may be nesefary to be known, for the Security and, defence of this Colony, and you are to use all poissible precaution, and keep the best look out, that you may not fall into the hands of the Enemy, whereby the good purposes of your being fitted out will be defeated.

Thomas Cushing Chairman

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CONTRACT OF ENLISTMENT.

Wee the Subscribers Do Inlist ourselves in the Continental Army to serve for the space of three months, according to an Act of the Great and General Court of this State, Further more we Do Promise to obey all the orders Rules and Regulations of the s^d army whatsoever as Witnefs our Hands
Newbury Decem^{br} 10th 1776.

Joseph Danforth
Nathaniel Dummer
Richard Dummer
Amos Dwinell
Samuel Adams Ju
Stephen Adams
Israel Flood
Benjamin Fellows
Henry Dwinell
Richard martin
Enoch Flood
Amos Poor
Joseph Danfort
Nathaniele Dummer

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A Muster-Roll of the Company, in His Majesty's Service,

MEN'S NAMES.	QUALITY	OF WHAT TOWN	NAMES OF FATHERS AND MASTERS, OF SONS UNDER AGE, AND SERVANTS.	TIME OF EN- TRANCE IN THE SERVICE	
				MONTHS	DAYS
fam ^l Gerrish	Capt	@ £ 9 p month		Mar.	31
Hez: Hutchins	1 Lieut	@ £ 5 p Do			31
Ezra Putnam	2 ^d Do	@ do			31
Pearly Pike	Ensign	@ £ 3.20 p month			31
Richd Hale	Serjeant	@ £ 2..3..1 p Do		Ap ^l	2
Steph ⁿ Clark	Do	Do @ do			2
John Pike	Do	Do @ do		Mar.	25
Henry Greenleaf	Do	Do @ do		Ap ^l	2
John Goold	Corporal	@ £ 1.18..7 p Do		Mar.	28
Thomas Pike	Do	@ Do		Ap ^l	2
John Lakeman	Do	@ Do			2
Jacob Currier	Do	@ Do			2
Nath Noyes	Drum:	@ Do		Mar.	30
Solo Aubin	Private	@ £ 1..16	Aubin father		28
Steph ⁿ Bailey	Do	@ do		Ap ^l	2
Sam ^l Bailey	Do	@ do	Edwd Bailey father	Mar.	27
Ichabod Colby	Do	@ do	Enoch Toppan mastr		29
Sam ^l Colby	Do	@ do	Thos Todd mastr		29
Isaac Chase	Do	@ do		April	2
Joseph Coker	Do	@ do		Mar.	24
Makepeice Colby	Do	@ do	Hez. Colby father		29
John Chase	Do	@ do		Ap ^l	6
Parker Cooper	Do	@ do			2
Sam ^l Currier	Do	@ do			2
Elia ^s Cheney	Do	@ do	Tim ^o Jackman mastr		6
Aaron Cheever	Do	@ do	Nathan Allen mastr		2
Moses Downing	Do	@ do	Richd Lowell mastr		2
Sam ^l Dummer	Do	@ do		Mar.	30

Under the Command of Samuel Gerrish Esquire Captain, viz.

UNTIL WHAT TIME IN THE SERVICE		WHOLE TIME OF SERVICE		KINGS ARMS	THE WHOLE OF WAGES DUE TO EACH MAN			WHAT EACH MAN RECEIV'D OF THE COM- MISSARY & C.			WHAT EACH MAN RE- CEIV'D OF THE CAPT.			BALANCE DUE TO EACH MAN		
MONTHS	DAYS	WEEKS	DAYS	WEEKS	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
June	10	62	4	2 mo Advance Wages	140	15	8	8	6	4				132	9	4
July	23	68	5		85	17	11	1	14	10				84	3	1
	21	68	3		85	10	9							85	10	9
	23	68	5		60	2	6	6	15	7				53	6	11
May	5	57	1	3..12	30	15	6	2	3	7				24	19	11
	5	57	1	11..6.2	30	15	6	3	15	2				22	14	2
Novr	1	35	6		17	1	8		13	4				16	8	4
May	5	57	1		30	15	6	2	5	5				28	10	1
May	10	58	4	Gun	28	4	11	3	16	3	3			21	8	8
Mar.	10	49	1	Gun	23	14		1	15	2	3			18	18	10
May	5	57	1		27	11	2	2	18	7				24	12	7
	5	57	1	Gun	27	11	2	1	7	9	3			23	3	5
	5	57	4	Gun	27	15	4	2	16	10	3			21	18	6
	5	57	6		26	0	9	8	6	1				17	14	8
	5	57	1	3..12	25	19	6							22	7	6
	5	58		Gun	26	2		2	17	10	3			20	4	2
	5	57	5		25	19	6	4	8	11				21	10	7
	5	57	5		25	19	6	4	12	3				21	7	3
	5	57	1		25	14	4	3	12	2				22	2	2
July	23	69	5	Gun	31	7	6	6	4	3	3			22	3	3
May	5	57	5		25	19	6	3	12	9				22	6	9
	5	56	4		25	9	2	1	17	6				23	11	8
	5	57	1		25	14	4	4	13	8				21	0	8
Jany	5	39	6	3..12	17	18	9	4	10	3				9	10	6
May	5	56	4		25	9	2	1	12	2				23	17	
	5	57	1		25	14	4	3	10	5				22	3	11
	5	57	1		25	14	4	9	5	4				16	9	
	5	57	4		25	18	2							25	18	

A Muster-Roll of the Company, in His Majesty's Service,

MEN'S NAMES	QUALITY	OF WHAT TOWN.	NAMES OF FATHERS AND MASTERS, OF SONS UNDER AGE, AND SERVANTS.	TIME OF EN- TRANCE IN THE SERVICE	
				MONTHS	DAYS
Aaron Davis	Do	@ do		Ap	2
Gideon Downer	Do	@ do			2
Saml Danforth jr	Do	@ do		Mar.	30
Benja Emery	Do	@ do			30
Richd Flanders	Do	@ do		Apl	4
Ebenr Flood	Do	@ do		Mar.	20
Ebenr Flood junr	Do	@ do	Mich: Short mastr		26
John Flood	Do	@ do			23
Joseph Foster	Do	@ do	Isaac Foster mastr.	Apl.	6
Jona Godfrey	Do	@ do	John Godfrey mastr.	Mar.	29
Saml Gerrish 3d	Do	@ do			30
Saml Gardner	Do	@ do			27
Richd Goodwin	Do	@ do	John Rogers mastr.		29
Asa Herriman	Do	@ do	Ben. Coleman mastr.		31
John Hutchins	Do	@ do		April	2
Ezek: Hardy	Do	@ do	Josiah Hill mastr.		2
Nathl Howard	Do	@ do		Mar.	30
Stephn Jackman	Do	@ do	Elias Jackson Fathr.		29
David Jaques	Do	@ do	Elipha. Jaques Fathr.	April	2
Thos Jenkins	Do	@ do	Richd Tappen mastr.		2

Under the Command of Samuel Gerrish Esquire Captain, viz.

UNTIL WHAT TIME IN THE SERVICE.		WHOLE TIME OF SERVICE		KINGS ARMS	THE WHOLE OF WAGES DUE TO EACH MAN			WHAT EACH MAN RECEIV'D OF THE COM- MISSARY &C.			WHAT EACH MAN RE- CEIV'D OF THE CAPT.			BALLANCE DUE TO EACH MAN		
MONTHS	DAYS	WEEKS	DAYS	WEEKS	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
May	5	57	1		25	14	4	2	2	5				23	11	17
Decr	18	37	2		16	15	7							16	15	7
May	5	57	4		25	18	2	3	15	8				22	2	6
	5	57	4	3..12	25	18	2	1	10	3				20	15	11
Mar.	10	48	6	3..12	21	19	9		12	8				17	15	1
May	5	59		3..12	26	11		5	15	5				17	3	7
	5	58	1		26	3	4	2	18	5				23	4	11
	5	58	4	3..12	26	7	2	2	17	7				19	17	7
	5	56	4	Gun	25	9	2	3	9	11	3			18	19	3
	5	57	5		25	19	6	5	9	2				20	10	4
	5	57	4		25	18	2	1						24	6	2
	5	58			26	2		5	2	4				20	19	8
	5	57	5		25	19	6	3	10	4				22	9	2
	5	57	3		25	17	11	4	8	1				21	9	10
July	23	68	3	Gun	30	15	11				3			27	15	11
May	5	57	1		25	14	4	4	5	1				21	9	3
April	20	55	3		24	18	11	1	7	2				23	11	9
May	5	57	5	Gun	25	19	6	4	8	8	3			18	10	10
	5	57	1		25	14	4	6	15	11				18	18	5
	5	57	1		25	14	4	7	0	3				18	14	1
£29..10..2					1511	3	6	£164.	13	9	£27			£1289	19	7

NEWBURY SOLDIERS, 1775-6.

The following is a List of the Men that were In the Sarvice at Cambrige in the yeare 1775

(Viz)	Elka ^h Lunt ju ^r	£ 3-0-0
	Stephen Lunt	
	Oliver Goodtridge	
	Benj ^{am} Poor	
	Amos Poor ju ^r	
	Elip ^t Poor	
	Jededi ^h Currier	
	Will ^{am} Currier	
	John Cheney	
	Michal Clark	
	Jofiah Adams	
	Will ^{am} Flood	
	Enoch Flood	
	Natha ^l Pearfon	
	Jacob Hale	
	Richard Martin	
	John Sawyer	
	Joseph Choate	
	Stephen Smith	
	Abraham Thorla	
	Nathan Adams	

Winter Campaign (Viz)

Daniel Chute	£ 1-4-0
David Chute	
John Noyes	
Enos Noyes	
Paul Moody	
Benj ^{am} Pearfon ju ^r	
Lemuel Noyes	
Israell Flood	
Enoch Adams	
Jofeph Gerrish	
Richard Dummer ju ^r	
Willam Turner	
Richard Martin	
Joseph Thorla	
Bill Reed	

the Following is a List that were the men to go to Canada
at first Levy which was 5000

	Life Adams Paid	3-15-0
	Enoch Adams	0-18-0
	Enoch Boynton	2- 8-0
	Daniel Chute	5- 0-0
	Richard Goodtridge	2- 0-0
	Stephen Gerrish	2- 0-0
	Samuel Longfellow	2- 0-6
Lieu ^t	Joseph Moody	5- 0-0
	Paul Moody	5- 0-0
	Joseph Danford	3-15-0
	Simon Thorla	3-15-6
	Samuel Thorla	2- 8-0
	John Noyes	2- 8-0
	Joseph Gerrish	1-16-0
Lie ⁿ	Benj ^{am} Pearfon	3-15-0
	Daniel Hale	0-15-0
	Benj ^{am} Colman ju ^r	3-11-3
	Eliphelet Tenny	3-11-3
	Willi ^{am} Dummer	3-11-3
	John Longfellow	3-11-3

Octo^{br} 1^d 1776 the Campain to Horfe Neck

	Edward Longfellow & son Paid	1-11-8
	Will ^{am} Moody	0-16-3
Lieu ^t	Benj ^{am} Pearfon & Son	1-13-1-2
	Jeremiah Pearfon	0-15-7-2
	Sam ^l Dummer	0-19-4-2
	Richard Webber	1- 8-1-2
En ^{sn}	Richard Dummer & Son	1-10-2-2
	Shubael Dummer	1-0-10-0
	Will ^{am} Dummer	2-4- 2-0
	Zachariah Dwinnel	2-7- 3-2
	Dr Benj ^{am} Colman & Sons	3-0- 0-0
Lieu ^t	Elip ^t Tenny	1-2- 8-2
Lieu ^t	Joseph Hale	3-9- 4-2

CAPT. PAUL MOODY'S COMPANY OF NEWBURY MEN.

Newbury Dec^r ye 21 1776

A list of the Several Soldiers Raised in the Town of
Newbury & Put under the Command of Cap^t Paul Moody
is as follows viz.

Paul Moody	Thomas Davis
Caleb Kimbal	Amos Dwinell
John Atkinson	Joseph Rawlings
Joseph Danforth	David Rawlings
Stephen Adams	Henry Dwinell
Oliver Goodridge	John Sawyer
Amos Poor 3 rd	Ezekiel Flanders
Eliphalet Poor	William Plumer
Nath ^l Dummer	Isaac Plumer
Samuel Adams	Joseph Rufsel
Enoch Flood	John Acors
Israel Flood	Seth Plumer
Rich ^d Dummer j ^r	Enoch Merrill
Stephen Lunt	Isaac Currier
John Emery ju ^r	Peter Ordway
Enoch Hufe	John Grayham
John Burbank	Daniel Chandler
Thomas Thurla	Abel Greenleaf
Rich ^d Martin	Rich ^d Smith
Joseph Adams	Elias Greanleaf
Jonath ⁿ Thurfton	Amos Little
Francis Follansbee	David Hidden
Will ^m Greenleaf	Benj ^a Jackman
John Bartlet Jun ^r	Moses Hoyt
Moses Sargent Moody	Josiah Teel
Benj ^a Fellows	Enoch Adams jun ^r
Joseph Atwood Ju ^r	Josiah Hunt
Charles Walker	Samuel Brown
Moody Hardy	Fredrick Lewis
Nath ^l Mitchel	James Mansfield
Joseph Jennings	Pero Hall
William Marden	Henry Greenleaf
Stephen Plumer	Obed Hute
David Cheney	John Hayes

RETURN OF CAMP EQUIPAGE, COL. EDWARD WIGGLES-
WORTH'S REGIMENT.

A Return of y^e Camp Equipage in Col^o Edw^d Wiggles-
worths Reg^t. Oct^r y^e 4th 1777

COMPANIES.	N ^o OF MEN	N ^o OF MARKEES	N ^o OF TENTS	N ^o OF KITTLES	N ^o OF BUCKETS	N ^o OF BOWLS	N ^o OF CANTEENS	N ^o OF SPADES & SHOVELS	N ^o OF AXES	N ^o OF PICK AXES
Cap ^t Haynes	72	..	12	7	3	5	28
Cap ^t Willington	54	..	10	8	5	4	20	..	1	..
Cap ^t Allin	71	..	11	6	5	5	25	..	1	..
Cap ^t Fairfield	58	..	8	7	3	8	22	..	1	..
Cap ^t Pilsbury	60	..	9	7	3	1	20
Cap ^t Alexander	47	..	8	5	4	3	17	..	2	..
Cap ^t Blafdel	67	..	11	6	3	4	19	..	2	..
Cap ^t Davis	63	..	11	6	2	3	27	..	2	..
Field & Staff Officers	7	2	2	2	2	2	6	..	1	..
Total	499	2	82	54	30	35	194	..	10	..

Wm. Wigglesworth, Q^r Master.

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BILLETING LIST, CAPT. NOAH ALLEN'S COMPANY, 1777.

An Abstract of Cap^t Noah Allens Company in Col^o
Wigglesworths Regim^t for Billetting due to them from the
Time of their Inlistment untill the 8th day of April Last

SanfcottsIfland August 24th 1777.

NAMES	WHEN INLISTED	NO RATION
Serjt Edward Anable	Jan ^y 1 th 1777	98
Ambrofs markham	Ditto 1	98
Elihu Allen	Ditto 1	98
Amos Smith	Ditto 1	98
Ezra Walker	Ditto 1	98
Eliphalet Smith	Ditto 1	98
John Spoor	Ditto 1	98
John Pike	Ditto 1	98
Jams Sangilder	Ditto 1	98
William Paul	Ditto 1	98
Epharim Leonard	Ditto 1	98
Eben ^r Hall	Feb ^y 16	51
Asahel Wright	Ditto 16	51
Obadiah Brown	Ditto 19	48
Mickel Lyon	Ditto 21	46
Obadiah Johnfon	Jan ^y 20	78
Isaac Walker	Feb ^y 24	43
John Smith	Ditto 18	49
Samuel Smith	March 8 th	31
Semion Smith	Ditto 29	10
Samuel Standleft	Ditto 11	20
Joseph Gleafon	Ditto 29	10
Elijah Hoyt	Ditto 7	32
Obadiah Commins	Ditto 6	33
Charles Soul	Ditto 1	38
Samuel Glilfon	Ditto 10	29
Ifhmal Spink	Ditto 10	29
William Smith	Ditto 6	33
Charles Ellis	Ditto 7	32
Daniel William	Feb ^y 6	61
Abijah Beard	March 4	35
John trafs	Ditto 5	34
Samuel Evens	November 16	144
John Duglefs	Ditto 14	146
Johnathan Hemenway	March 24	15
Jonathan Gleafon	Ditto 1	38

Noah Allen Cap^t.

MUSTER ROLL, CAPT. BLAISDELL'S COMPANY, 1777.

A List of the Mens Names Belonging to Capⁿ Blesdals
Compy In Co^l Edward Wiggilsworths Reg^t Springfield
Aprail the 23^d 1777.

NOW PRESENT.	NOW PRESENT.	
Isack Barron John Phalem Danniell marston John Beetel Andw Skeen Thos Pool Nathl Edward Josp Storer Leml Welsh Thom ^s Ceney Obodo Roblnson Peter Alin John Celers Noah Coal Benjman Robins Peter Walker Isack Whitne Senr John Brasher Moses Starbert Abram Whitne Junr William Plumer Jam ^s Gerrish Senr Willm Beels Josth Legraw Senr Wothl Blansherd George Gerrish Junr Saml Riens John Robenson Junr John Hutchins Davd Patingal Davd Woodman Elias Le graw Josie Stanford John Hauks Saml Bracket Moses Goad Willm Redoubt Jerrey Sauer John Stanfort Lam Cash Willm C omeay Zacheriah Willis Joshua Hanshaw	Lt William Duggans Enn John Dadson St Benn Chamberlin Do George Bery Corl Inerls Blifing Do Thom ^s Cuen Do	
	NOW ABSENT BY LEVE. Captain Blesdal Ablijia Pool John Marjre John Frost Elige Cumins Cosham Cumins	Capn Lt Sart Do
	DESARTED. John Wright	
	TOTAL 56	

BRITISH TROOPS AT PROSPECT HILL, 1778.

A Return of British Troops Draw Provision Prospect Hill Jan. 22^d 1778

	COMMISSIONERS.							STAFF.			NON COMOND		RANK & FILE & WOMEN.				COMD DEPART.		
	CORNETS	L ^T CORNETS	MAJORS	CAPTAINS	LIEUTS	ENSIGNS	CHAPLAINS	ADJUTANTS	Q MASTER	SURGEONS	MATIS	SARGENTS	DRUMERS	IN BARRUCK	IN HOSPITAL	WOMEN	WAGGONER	SAILORS	TOTAL
Royal Artillery				4	10		1	1	1	1	2	7	7	202		15			251
— Adaune Corps			1	4	12	1				1		20	15	248	2	20			324
—th Regt	1	1	5	9	7	1	1			1		20	17	314	2	30			409
—th Regt	1		7	8	3			1	1	1		22	16	313	11	30			414
— Regt	1	1	5	8	4	1			1	1		23	20	342	8	25			440
—th Regt		1	8	10	7		1	1	1	1		26	21	335	1	30			443
47 Regt	1	1	3	6	3	1		1	1	1		17	13	262	3	23			336
62 Regt	1	1	6	7	3	1		1	1	1		24	16	227	8	30			327
Detachd 33 Reg				1								4		54	1	8			68
Comond departm															14	0	24	6	44
Total	5	6	42	71	28	5	3	5	5	7	8	163	125	2297	50	211	24	6	3056

A Muster Roll of Cap^t Joseph Eatons Company in
Col^o. Johnsons Reg^t of y^e Maschufetts Bay Militia in y^e
Service of y^e United States of America. Engaged till y^e
last of Nov^{br} 1777

Appointed August y ^e 15 th 1777	Cap ^t Joseph Eaton 1 st Lieut Thomas Stickney 2 ^d Lieut Nath ^l . Plumer	Sick Absent Wounded 7 th october 1777
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No.	Engaged Aug ^t 1777	15 th	Serj ^t Major	Remarks
1	Aug st 1777	15	Jeduthun Abbot	
2	August 1777	15	Q Master Serj ^t . Nathaniel Dummer	
3	August 1777	15	Serj ^{ts} . Jeremiah Kimbal	
4		Do	Abraham Emerion	
5		Do	Daniel Cole	
6		Do	David Hopkinson	
7	August 1777	15	Corp ^{ls} . Robert Andrews	
8		Do	James Snow	
9		Do	Jabez Gage	
10		Do	Eliphelet Wood	
11	August 1777	15	Drumer Stephen Webster	
12	August 1777	15 12	Fifer Bennaiah Clemons	
13	August	15	Privats	
14	1777.	Do	John Ally	
15		Do	William Austin	
16		Do	Jacob Adams	

No.	Engaged Aug ^t 1777	15 th	Privats	Remarks
17	August 1777	Do	John Andrews	Taken Prisoner at
18		Do	William Ayr	Ticonderoga 17 th Sept
18		15	Nathan Bayley	1777.
19		Do	William Bradbury	Died Oct ^r 2 ^d 1777
20		Do	Amos Bayley	
21		Do	Nicholas Bruzel	
22		Do	Samuel Bacon	on Furlo
23		Do	David Bryant	
24		Do	Seth Burnham	
25		Do	John Cooper	
26		Do	Daniel Carlton	
27		Do	Afa Currier	
28		Do	Dudly Duftin	
29		Do	Francis Denfemore	on Command at Ben-
30		Do	Daniel Dow	ington
31		Do	Samuel Ely	
32		Do	Samuel Eaton	
33		Do	Samuel Frink	
34		Do	Simeon Foster	
35		Do	Stephen Foster	Wagoner
36		Do	John Greanough	
37		Do	Amof Gage	
38		Do	Jeremiah Gage	
39		Do	William Hesetine	
40		Do	John Hesetine	
41		Do	Amof Hovey	
42		Do	Afa Huneford	
43		Do	Iffaiah Hardy	
44		Do	Henry Hardy	Wounded 7 th october
45		Do	Nath ^l Hale	1777
46		Do	Simon Heriman	
47		Do	David Kimbal	
48		Do	Nath ^l Kimbal	Sick Present
49		Do	Langey Kelley	
50		Do	William Kimbal	Sick Present
51		Do	Simeon Kimbal	Sick Present
52		Do	Samuel Lecount	Wounded 7 th october
53		Do	Daniel Lord	
54		Do	Peter Middleton	

No.	Engaged Aug ^t 1777	15 th	Privats	Remarks
55		Do	William Morrill	
56		Do	Tyler Porter	Wagoner
57		Do	Epreaim Peabody	
58		Do	Andrew Peabody	Wounded 7 th octo ^r
59		Do	Jonathan Peabody	Sick Absent [1777
60		Do	Jacob Perkins	on Command at Ben-
61		Do	Daniel Remicks	ington
62		Do	Jeames Remicks	Dischar ^d Octo ^r 17 th
63		Do	Jeremiah Robertson	1777
64		Do	William Sawyer	
65		Do	John Saunders	
66		Do	James Smila	
67		Do	William Steward	Killed Oct ^r 8 th 1777
68		Do	David Scescions	Wagoner
69		Do	Amos Spafford	Wounded octo ^r 7 th
70		Do	Timothy Saunders	1777
71		Do	James Whiteker	
72		Do	Ebenezer Whiteker	
73		Do	Jofhua Wood	on duty
74		Do	Ezra Wiles	Sick Afent

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LETTER CONCERNING CANADIAN RAIDS IN 1782.

Newbury [Vt] August 19th 1782.

S^r

Since our Last we have the following Inteli-
gence, a party of about twenty from Canada was in about
fifteen Days Since on thier former Errand but were not
able to accomplish thier Designs in this quarter they
have Taken another rout prehaps down the river where
they will not be so likely to be somuch Exfpofed as
at this Place, about the same Time one Davis who was
Taken from peacham last June returned from Canada with
an Olive branch in his Hand from the Commander in
Canada for the Inhabitants that if the people would lay

down thier arms they should not be Hurt in the least, but if they had soldiers or should Endeavor to Defend themselves he would send his Soldiers and Indeans and burn and defstroy the Country last thursday a party of fifteen of the Enemy Came to peacham Captivated two men viz — Benj^a Bayley and Luther Bayley, Swore three perfons and went of, one of thier party Deferted to us, and Informed that if the people on the river would not be still and consent to the Terms [as] the people on the west of the mountains had done the Enemy were determined to lay the whole Country wast, he also says that Sixteen Hundred barrill of provitions had been lately sent from St. Johns up the lakes, and also large Quantities of salt Rum &c for the use of the grants.

We are not able to prevent those mischeafs which is falling on our poor Inhabitants every day and are afraid we shall be drove to very narrow bounds, about fifty of the party Deftined for this Quarter are arived eight [of] which is gone gone to M^r Whipples Cap^t Smith is arived from Col^o Ellises Reg^t and informs that he Expects no more from that quarter than came with him which were 6 men only who were all from Col^o Ellis Reg^t none from Col^o Hale, Webber only three from Col^o Webers nor Chafes Reg^{ts}, he further says that Col^o Ellis Informed him that Cap^t How or westmōreland Said publickly that he would not obey Neither Newhampshire Congrefs nor Gen^l Washington Col^o King of Chesterfield seconded him. it appears that that quarter is Infected still with Sermon's Defcase our affairs here wear a better face Permit us to request that attention is paid to this quarter in such way as you shall think proper, and that we may Subscribe our Selves your very

To the Honoured
Meshech Ware Esq

Humble

Servants

Jacob Bayley
Charles Johnston
Eben^r Webster

The Hon,^{ble}

Meshech Weare President on Publick Service
the Council State of Newhamp
Exoeter,

LETTER ON THE ISLES OF SHOALS, N. H., IN 1801.

Newburyport Sept. 1, 1801

My dear Sir

You are not ignorant of the Interest I have taken in the Reformation and Civilizing of the People inhabiting the Isles of Shoals. It is impossible by Words to convey any Idea of the extreme Poverty, Ignorance and Vice these People had sunk into. The Islands had been deserted by all who had Means to leave them — No one cared for the Instruction or Comfort of those that remained. The children were growing up without one virtuous or religious Sentiment. Drunkenness, Profanity and Idleness overwhelmed the whole Community. The Liberality of well-disposed Persons furnished means for erecting a commodious Stone House, to serve them as a School House and as a Place of Worship. It also serves by Means of a Tower on its Top as a very useful Beacon for Vessels arriving on our Coast.

The Society for propagating the Gospel have employed the Rev. Josiah Stevens since April last as a Missionary, to teach the Children, and to lead in the Exercises of the Sabbath. His Piety, Patience, Mildness and Industry have already wrought Wonders. Children who did not know their Letters, now read intelligibly in their Bibles, and those who never held a Pen before now write a legible joining Hand. Cleanliness and Decorum have kept Pace with their Improvement in their School Exercises. They are delighted with their new State, and their Ambition is kindled. Their Language has in a good Measure lost its Profaneness, and there is a consoling Prospect of their Recovery to decent and virtuous Habits, should Attention be still continued to them.

You need not to be told how great Satisfaction I derive from this state of Things, nor how much Anxiety I feel for its Continuance and Improvement.

Mr. Stevens is precisely the Man to be desired for this situation. He perceives it himself, and this has reconciled him to the Idea of continuing in it, notwithstanding his extreme Disgust from the Dirt and the Vice of the People amongst whom he is placed, on Condition only

that a small House can be provided for his Accommodation. He has hitherto resided on another Island than that on which the Meeting House is, and where almost all the People live. The Passage across is always inconvenient and at some Seasons hazardous. There is a publick Lot near the Meeting House on which such a House could be built. Less than \$1000 would complete it. Charity never found a more inviting or a more promising Object. Say then if such a sum cannot be raised from the Wealth, the Piety and the Benevolence of those with whom you associate. You may assure them that in a very short Time, they shall receive Accounts of the Improved Condition of these wretched People, which shall make their Hearts thrill with Pleasure.

Your affectionate Servant
Dudley A. Tyng

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE MINISTRY AT ISLES OF
SHOALS, N. H., 1801.

Boston Sep 17 1801

The people on the isles of Shoals, having by the humane exertions of Dudley Atkins Tyng Esq^r and others been recovered from a state of the most deplorable ignorance, vice and wretchedness; and the society for propagating the gospel having employed Mr Josiah Stevens as a missionary and school master upon these islands, for whom and his successors in office it is absolutely necessary to erect a small dwelling house which will cost about one thousand dollars;

The subscribers, desirous of promoting the cause of virtue religion and humanity, and commiserating the unhappy people on the isles of Shoals especially their children, do agree to pay the sums annexed to their names for the purpose of building a dwelling house for the use of the minister or missionary residing on the isles of Shoals forever.

Mr. Tyng's letter accompanies this subscription paper.
The money to be paid to the Treasurer of the Society
for propagating the Gospel to be appropriated to the ob-
ject.

Benjⁿ Bufsey pd thirty Doll
William Phillips jr thirty Sam^l G Perkins Thirty
dollars pd paid

Samuel Salisbury thirty James Perkins thirty Dol
dollars p pd

Stephen Higginson thirty Joseph Coolidge thirty
dollars pd

St. Higginson jr thirty
dollars pd

K Boott thirty Dollars p^d

W^m Pratt thirty doll^s p^d

Samuel Parkman thirty Dollars paid

Francis Amory thirty Dollars p^d

Thomas C Amory Thirty Dollars Paid

Jam Greene Thirty Dollars paid

John Amory Thirty Dollars paid

Adam Babcock Thirty Dollars paid

T H Perkins Twenty Doll^s paid

16 at 30 Dollars 480

T. H. Perkins 20

L P Gardner 10

L K Jones 20

Jon^a Davis 7

S Salisbury Jr 5

I P Davis 10

P C Brooks 10

N Lee 10

N. Frazier 10

— 582

deduct 8 \$ p^d Burfe } 8

for collections } \$ 574

Collected on the other page & remitted
to Mr Tyng \$ 574

The Gentlemen whose names have
been annexd not having paid
anything. Mr Salisbury 30

Mr Phillips	paid 30
S. Higginson	paid 30
& S. Higginson jr	paid 30

are under obligation to double their fums (paid) & Mr
Isa : Davis pays more 10

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Mr Tyng will collect the remaining fum at Newbury-
port

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By GEORGE B. BLODGETTE.

624	John Rogers S. Robert	March 7	1708
625	Jeremiah Todd f. James	March 21	
626	Mary Hedden D. Ebenezer	March 28	
627	Rebekah Dreiser D. John	{ May 16	
628	Dorothy Bointon D. John		
629	Priscilla Todd D. Samuel	{ June 20	
630	Sarah Bointon D. Benoni		
631	Elizabeth Jewett D. John	June 27	
632	George Jewett S. Joseph	Aug st 1	
633	George Wood S. Josiah	Aug st 15	
634	Moses Davis f. John	September 5	
635	Mehetabel Scott D. John	Sept ^r 26	
636	Rebecca Bennet D. William Jun ^r	December 12	
637	My dear Sarah Payton, & several more in the time of my sickness.		
638	John Chaply son John	June 12	1709
639	Jeremiah Dreiser S. Joseph	{ July 3	
640	Hannah Bayley D. Jonathan		
641	Sarah Smith D. Benjamin	Aug st 14	
642	Mary Chaplin D. Jeremiah	Aug st 28	
643	Sarah Geage D. William		
644	Tho: Tenney jun ^r his Dr		
645	Richard Clark s. Richard	September 11	
646	Lydia Pengry D. Aaron jun ^r	October 9	
647	Abraham Bointon S. Sam ^l	{ October 30	
648	Jeremiah Jewett S. Nehemiah		
649	Phebe Jewett D. Stephen	Nov ^r 6	
650	Mercy Clark D. Judah	Nov ^r 13	
651 ¹	Samuel Bayley S. Nath ^l	Nov ^r 27	
652	Jane Boynton D. Hilksiah	Nov ^r 27	
653	Mehetabel Chaplin D. John	Decem ^r 4	
654	Mary Bointon D. John	Decem ^r 25	
655	Moses Brodebank s. Joseph	Jan ^{ry} 15	
656	Daniel Rogers S. Robert	Jan ^{ry} 22	
657	David Dreiser S. Samuel	{ febr ^y 19	
658	Samuel Searls S. John		
		1710	
659	Jonathan Johnfon S. Samuel	{ April 2	
690	Hannah Platts D. Moses		
691	Zacheus Bointon S. Joseph	{ April 9	
692	Stephen Bointon S. Benoni		
693	Ezekiel Mighel S. Nathan ^l	May 21	
694	Thomas Prime S. Mark	{ June 25	
695	Sarah Platts D. James		
696	Jane Scott D. John	July 2	
697	Jewett D. Isaac	July 23	
698	Mehetabel Jewett D. Jonathan		

¹ Mistake in original—dropping out 30 numbers.

699	Mark Prime S. Samuel	Aug st 6	723	Richard Greenough	Sons Robt Junr	July 22
700	John Pickard s. Samuel	} Sept ^r 3	724	Epps Greenough		} July 23
701	Samuel Rofs S. Dan ^l		725	Sarah Kilborn D. Joseph		
702	Nathan Jewett S. Joseph	Sept ^r 10	726	Thomas Geage S. William		} Aug st 5
703	Joseph Smith S. John	September 17	727	Thomas Clark S. Richard		
704	Ezra Jewett S. Aquila	Octobr ^r 15	728	Mehtabel Todd D. James		} Aug st 29
705	Benjamin Sawyer S. Ezekiel	Nov ^r 5	729	Thomas Lambert s. Thomas		
706	Elifabeth Northend D. Lievt Ezek ^l	Decem ^r 17	730	Hannah Dreiser D. Jonathan		} Sept ^r 2
707	Eben Hedden S. Ebenezer	} decem ^r 24	731	Mary Geage D. Thomas		
708	Hannah Lancaster D. Hannah		732	Hannah Dreiser D. Joseph		} October 7
709	James Hybirt S. George	december 31	733	Judah Clark S. Judah		
710	Stephen Hedden S. Samuel	} January 7	734	Mehtabel Chaplin D. Jeremiah		} October 14
711	Rebecca Dickinon D. George		735	Elifabeth Hodgkin D. John		
712	Mehtabel Nelson D. Ephraim	Jan ^{ry} 14	736	John Smith S. John		} Jan ^{ry} 27
713	Sarah Bayley D. Jonathan	Jan ^{ry} 21	737	Elphelett Jewett S. Stephen		
714	Mary Scott D. Joseph	Jan ^{ry} 28	738	Stephen Pengry S. Aaron		} Feb. 10
715	Amos Pilsberry s. Amos	} febr ^y 11	739	Elifabeth Searl D. John		
716	Sarah Pickard D. Jonathan		740	Birithiah Bointon D. John		} March 2
717	Mehtabel Palmer D. Samuel	March 4				
718	Jane Bridges D. John	March 11				} March 23
		1711				
719	Hannah Barker D. Jacob	} April 1	741	Mary Pilsberry D. Amos		} April 6
720	Mary Hopkinon D. Jeremiah		742	Josiah Jewett s. Joseph		
721	Mary Nelson D. Gerlhom	April 8	743	Mercy Bayly D. Nathan ^l		} April 6
722	Moses Smith S. Benjamin	Jun 10	744	Moses Wood S. Ebenezer		
			745	Elifabeth Tenny D. Tho Junr		

746	Hannah Rogers D Robert	April 13	772	Joseph Chaplin S. Jeremiah	Feb. 15
747	Benjamin Dow S. John	April 27	773	Sarah Archer D. Benjamin	March 1
748	Sarah Stewart D. John		774	Mary Nelson D. Joseph	
749	James Barker S. James	May 4	775	Mark Prime S. Mark	
750	Hannah Peirson D. Stephen	May 11	776	Jacob Barker S. Jacob	
751	Mehetabel Dreiser D. Samuel	May 18			1713
752	John Greenough S. Robert	Jun. 22	777	Elizabath Hobson D. Humphery	March 29
753	Moses Sawyer S. John	July 27	778	Jane Jewett D. Nathanael	April 5
754	Daniel Palmer S. John Palmer	August 3	779	Amos Dreiser S. Joseph	May 10
755	Jane Scott D. Joseph	Septem ^r 7	780	Jacob Davis S. Moses	May 17
756	Elizabath Jewett D. Aquilla	Septem ^r 14	781	Thomas Palmer S. Samuel	Jun 28
757	Nathaniel Plummer S. Joseph	Septem ^r 21	782	Sarah Bointon D. Samuel	July 11
758	Edna Bointon D. Joseph jun ^r	Sept ^r 28	783	Thomas Johnfon s. Samuel	July 26
759	Joshua Prime S. Samuel	October 5	784	Abraham Jewet S. Abraham	
760	Jane Sawyer D. Ezekiel	Octob 19	785	Elizabath Smith D. Benjamin	August 16
761	Mary Wood D. Thomas	Novemb. 9	786	Jeremiah Hibirt S. George	
762	Mehetabeil Platts D. Moses	Nov ^r 16	787	Abigail Bridges D. John	August 23
763	Sufanna Palfon my daughter	Nov ^r 23	788	Sarah Geage D. William	Sept ^r 13
764	Sarah Mighell D. Nathan ^l		789	Sarah Barker D. James	
765	Samuel Palmer S. Thomas	Decem ^r 7	790	Rebecca Hopkinson D. Jere-	Jan ^r 31
766	Henry Elithorp an Adult man			miah	
767	John Chaplin S. John	January 11	791	Elizabath Nelson D. Ephraim	1714
768	Mark Jewet s. Jonathan Jewett	January 18			
769	Jonathan Heyden s. Ebenezer	January 25	792	Jonathan Rogers f. Robert	March
770	Moses Bayley S. Jonathan	Feb. 8	793	Jonathan Pierion f. Stephen	
771	Mehetabel Kilborn D. George				

934	Sarah Prime D. Sam ^{ll}		
935	Mary Woodberry D. Sam ^{ll}		
936	Ruth Jewet D. Jofhua		
937	Mary Kilborn Dr Jofeph		
938	Nathan Lambert S. Thomas		
939	Elifabeth Barker D. James		
940	Mercy Smith Dr Benjamin		
941	Hannah Scot D. Jofeph		
942	Nathan Dreifer f. Jonath.		
943	Hannah Brinton D. Jn ^o		
	1716		
944	Johannah Jewet D. Natha ^{ll}		
945	Moses Peirfon f. Stephen		
946	Tho Ellworth f. Jeremiah		
947	Deborah Searls D. John		
948	Abigail Scot D. Benjamin		
949	Spencer Bennet S. William		
950	Aphia Nelson D. Ephraim		
951	Sammel Nelson S. Jofeph		
952	James Davis f. Moses		
953	Edw : Heyden S. Eben ^r		
954	Mary Palm ^r D. Sam ^{ll}		
955	Mercy Hopkinson Dr Jeremiah		
956	Hannah Hamond Dr Tho. Sen ^r		
957	Jn ^o Saddler f. Jn ^o		
960	Amos Plifberry f. Amos		
961	Jn ^o Scott f. John		
962	Sam ^{ll} Stickney f. Sam ^l		
963	John Bennet f. Jn ^o		
964	James Dickinson S. Georg		
965	Solomon Jewet S. Stephen		
966	Nehemiah Nelson f. Gerthom ^m		
967	Sam ^{ll} Hodgkins f. Jn ^o		
968	Thomas Thurfton f. Dan ^{ll}		
969	Jonathan Pickard f. Jonathan		
970	Elifabeth Dreifer D. Jofeph		
971	Mary Rogers D. John		
972	Jofeph Chaplin f. Jerem.		
973	Nath ^{ll} Hammon f. Nath ^{ll}		
	1717		
974	John Todd f. Jn ^o		
975	Mary Birtby D. Jer.		
976	Mary Pengry D. Aaron		
977	Jofeph Barker S. Jacob		
978	Abel Jewet S. Aquila		
979	Jn ^o Chaplin f. Jn ^o		
980	Hannah Dreifer D. Sam ^{ll}		
981	Edward Woodberry f. Sam ^{ll}		
982	Mary Palmer D. Jn ^o hn		
983	Sammel Bridges f. Jn ^o		
984	Edw : Sanders Adult		

1032	John Bointon S. John, deceased before its birth	Decembr 28	1054	John Pickard S. Jonathan	
1033	Sarah Bointon Dr Hilkiah	Jan ^y 4 th	1055	Elizabeth Saunders Dr Edward	Sept ^r 28
1034	Samuel Pengry s. Job		1056	Brattlebank Todd S. Samuel	
1035	Moses Pickard S. Moses	Decembr	1057	Mary Hammon D. Thomas	Octobr 11
1036	Elizabeth Sawyer D. John	[January] 11	1058	John Duty S. Samuel	Octobr 18
1037	Jos ^h ua Jewett S. Joshua, born w th out nat ^l paisage by ye fundam ^t	28 10 th	1059	Thomas Hammon S. Nathanael	Nov ^r 1
1038	Rebecca Jewet D. Stephen	febr 1	1060	Ruth Scott D. Samuel	Nov ^r 15
1039	Stephen Dole f. Richard	february 8	1061	Jonathan Platts S. Moses	Nov ^r 29
1040	Nathanael Barker S. Jacob	febrv 15	1062	Thomas Birtbe S. Thomas	Decembr 6
	1719		1063	Lydia Scott D. Benjamin jun ^r	
1041	Ann Pengry D. Aaron	March 15	1064	Jeremiah Ellworth s. Jeremiah	Jan ^y 3
1042	John Drefser S. Samuel		1065	Hannah Palmer D. John	Jan ^y 10
1043	Daniel Chaplin S. Jeremiah	April 5	1066	Hannah Mighill D Nathan ^l	Jan ^y 17
1044	Sarah Stickny Dr Samuel		1067	Josieph Rogers S. John	Jan ^y 24
1045	Sarah Thurston Dr Daniel	May 17	1068	Edna Pickard D. Francis	febrv 7
1046	Martha Scott D Joseph	Jun 7	1069	Samuel Wood S. Thomas	febr. 14
1047	Rebecca Hodgkins Dr John	Jun 21	1070	Ruth Todd D. John jun ^r	
1048	Joseph Kilborn S. Joseph	July 5	1071	Joshua Jewett S. Joshua	febrv 21
1049	Amos Jewett S. Aquila	July 26	1072	Mary Palmer D. Thomas	
1050	Josieph Birby S. Jeremiah	Aug ^t 9	1073	James Nevins S. Martha, a Scotch woman,	April 10
1051	Phoebe Kilborn Dr George	Aug ^t 16	1074	Mary Jarvis D. James	April 10
1052	Mary Prime D. Mark	Aug ^t 23	1075	Mary Peirfon D. Stephen	May 8
1053	Samuel Tenny s. Samuel		1076	Abigail Nelson D. Gerthorn	May 22

1077	Jonathan Barker S. James	May 29	1100	Ruth Bointon Dr Hilkhiah	July 2
1078	Elifabeth Bennet D. John	June 26	1101	Thoma Tenney S ⁿ Sam ^l	July 9
1079	Mary Nelson D. Ephraim	July 3	1102	Samuel Geage S ⁿ Thomas	Septemb ^r 10
1080	Ebenezer Chaplin S. Jeremiah	July 23	1103	James Platts S ⁿ James	Sept ^r 24
1081	Moises Bennet S. David	Aug ^t 7	1104	Lucey Lambert Dr Thomas	October 1
1082	Benjamin Sawyer s. Ezek ^l	Aug ^t 21	1105	John Crosby S ⁿ Jonathan	Octob ^r 8
1083	Moises Pillsbury s. Amos	Sept. 11	1106	Jane Rogers Dr Robert	Octob ^r 15
1084	Sarah Jewett D. Jonathan	Sept ^r 18	1107	Ann Chaplin Dr Jeremiah	Octob ^r 29
1085	David Hammon S. David	Nov ^r 13	1108	Abigail Rowfe Dr William	Nov ^r 5
1086	Nehemiah Hopkinson S. Jeremiah	Decemb ^r 11	1109	Jonathan Shepard Adult	Nov ^r 12
1087	Stephen Palmer S. Francis	Decemb ^r 18	1110	Thomas Saunders S ⁿ Edward	Nov ^r 19
1088	Jacob Smith S. Benjamin	decemb ^r 25	1111	David Pickard S ⁿ Moises	Novemb ^r 26
1089	Moises Pengry s. Job	Jan ^y 22	1112	Caleb Jewet S ⁿ Nehemiah	Jan ^y 21
1090	Peter Woodberry f. Samuel	Jan ^y 29	1113	Mehetabel Pickard Dr Francis	January 28
1091	Hannah Davis D. Moises	Feb ^r 12	1114	Sarah Northern Dr John	Feb ^r 4
1092	Nathanael Jewet S. Nathan ^l	March 26	1115	Moises Chaplin S ⁿ John	Feb ^r 11
1093	Abiel Sadler S. John	May	1116	Samuel Jewet s ⁿ Joihua	
1094	Johannah Pickard D. Jonathan		1117	Hannah Scott Dr Samuel	
1095	Mary Barker D. Jacob		1118	Daniel Todd s ⁿ John	
1096	Ebenezer Kilborn f. Joseph		1119	Jonathan Elfworth s ⁿ Jeremiah	
			1120	Jeremiah Clark s ⁿ Judah	
1097	Mary Kilborn Dr George		1121	Joseph Hammon s ⁿ Nathan ^l	
1098	Sarah Jarvis Dr James		1122	Jane Pilberry Dr Amos Pilf-bury	
1099	Martha Pengry Dr Aaron		1123	Sarah Palmer Dr John Palmer	

1124	Jeremiah Birtby s ⁿ Jeremiah	Febr ^y 11
1125	Sarah Duty Dr Samuel Duty	
1126	Mehetabel Hobfon Dr Humph- ery	Febr ^y 25
1127	Jonathan Wood s ⁿ Thomas	
	1722	
1128	Thomas Palmer S ⁿ Thomas	March 4
1129	Jonathan Palmer S ⁿ Samuel	
1130	Mary Brown	March 11
1131	James Brown	
1132	John Brown	
1133	Sufanna Scott D. Joseph	April 1
1134	Thomas Mighel s ⁿ Nathanael	
1135	Lucy Heyden Dr Ebenezer	April 8
1136	Eliabeth Creafie Dr John	
1137	Daniel Bridges S. John	April 29
1138	Mary Barker Dr Jacob	May 27
1139	Phillips Bennet s ⁿ David	July 29
1140	Jeremiah Hopkinson s ⁿ Jere- miah	Aug st 12
1141	Mary Davis Dr Moses	
1142	Abigail Bradstreet Dr Moses jun ^r	Aug st 15
1143	Francis Nelson S ⁿ Samuel	Sept ^r 2
1144	John Saver S ⁿ John	
1145	Hannah Woodberry Dr Samuel	September 30
1146	Jane Pengry Dr Job	
1147	Hephziba Birtby Dr Ebenezer	Octob. 7
1148	Sarah Payfon Dr Samuel	Nov ^r 25
1149	Mark Platts son James	Decemb. 16
1150	Mary Creafie Dr Jonathan	Jan ^y 13
1151	Mercy Geage Dr William	
1152	Moses Plummer S ⁿ Aaron	Feb. 17
	1723	
1153	Jeremiah Jewet s ⁿ Aquila	
1154	Aaron Clark s ⁿ Jonathan	March 3
1155	Eliabeth Kilborn Dr Jacob	
1156	Stephen Peirfon son Stephen	March 10
1157	Jane Bointon Dr Hilkiah	
1158	Eliabeth Chaplin Dr Jeremiah	March 17
1159	George Hybirt S ⁿ George	March 24
1160	Jane Kilborn Dr George	March 31
1161	Faith Jewet Dr Nathan ^l	April 21
1162	Jane Pickard Dr Francis	Jun 23
1163	Jane Saunders Dr Edward	Jun 30
1164	Mary Jewet Dr Joseph	July 14
1165	Mary Tod Dr John jun ^r	Sep. 8
1166	Moses Stickney s ⁿ Samuel	
1167	Ann Tenny Dr Samuel	Octob ^r 13
1168	Hannah Goodwin Adult	
1169	Mary Birtby Dr Thomas	Octob ^r 20
1170	Jeremiah Birtby s ⁿ Jonathan	

1171	Elizabath Pickard Dr Moses	Octobr 27	1191	Samuel Duty son Samuel	
1172	John Pilberry S ⁿ Amos	Sept ^r 17	1192	Jeremiah Birtby s ⁿ Ebenezer	Sept 13
1173	Elizabath Dickinson Dr J ⁿ	Decem ^r 1	1193	Ann Creafie Dr John	Sept 27
1174	Jemima Bennet Dr William	Jan ^y 5	1194	Joseph Smith s ⁿ Benjamin	Nov ^r 1
1175	Stephen Palmer s ⁿ Timothy	Jan ^y 12	1195	Humphery Woodberry s ⁿ	} Nov ^r 22
1176	Lydia Jewet Dr Samuel	Febr ^y 23		Nathan	
	1724		1196	Martha Kilborn Dr Georg	Decem ^r 13
1176	Samuel Kelly s ⁿ Sam ^l	March 1	1197	Jeremiah Chaplin s ⁿ Jeremiah	January 3
1177	Samuel Payfon S ⁿ Sam ^l	March 15	1198	Francis Pickard s ⁿ Francis	} Febr ^y 7
1178	Elizabath Payfon Dr Eliot	March 29	1199	James Dreiser s ⁿ John jun ^r	
1179	Sarah Pengry Dr Aaron	April 5			
1180	Nathanael Elfworth s ⁿ Jeremiah				1725
1181	Sarah Palmer Dr John	} April 19	1200	Elizabath Plummer Dr Aaron	March 7
1182	Jaue Northend Dr John		1201	Phillips Payfon s ⁿ Samuel	April 11
1183	Sarah Bridges	} May 31	1202	Mehtable Rowie Dr Abigail	April 23
	Dr ^s John, Gemini		1203	Jane Pickard Dr Jonathan	May 2
1184	Ruth Bridges		1204	Joseph Saunders s ⁿ Edward	May 9
1185	Jeremiah Mighel S ⁿ Nathanael	Jun 14	1205	Isaac Birtby son Jonathan	} July 11
1186	Sarah Peirfon Dr Stephen	Jun 21	1206	Elizabath Todd Dr John	
1187	Thomas Dickinson S ⁿ Thomas jun ^r	July 11	1207	Margaret Wood Dr Thomas	July 18
		} Aug st 2	1208	Mary Bradstreet Dr Moses jun ^r	July 25
1188	Jonathan Bayly s ⁿ John		1209	Amos Dole s ⁿ Richard	} Aug st 1
1889	Sufannah Scott Dr Sam ^l		1210	John Kelley s ⁿ Samuel	
		} Aug st 16	1211	Hilkiah Bointon s ⁿ hilkiah	} Gemini
1190	Jane Scott Dr Sam ^l		1212	Mehtable Bointon Dr hilkiah	
			1213	Samuel Jewet s ⁿ Jothua	Aug st 8

1214	Jedidiah Killborn s ⁿ Jedidiah	Aug ^t 15
1215	Elifabeth Bayly Dr John	Aug ^t 15
1216	William Dow s ⁿ Jeremiah	Septemb ^r 5
1217	Hannah Dickinson Dr Thomas	Sept ^r 19
1218	Moses Jewet son Sam ^l	Octobr ^r 10
1219	Ann Jewet Dr Aquila	Febr ^y 20
1220	Joseph Platts s ⁿ Abel jun ^r	Febr ^y 20
1221	Isaac Foster s ⁿ Dan ^l	
1726		
1222	John Wheeler	March 6
1223	Elifabeth Wheeler	March 6
1224	Elifabeth Palmer Dr Francis	April 3
1225	Edward Payton s ⁿ Edward	April 10
1226	Joseph Bridges s ⁿ John	April 24
1227	John Pengry s ⁿ Job	April 24
1228	Nathan ^l Geage s ⁿ William	May 8
1229	Elifabeth Bayly Dr Joseph	May 15
1230	Samuel Deuty son Sam ^l	May 22
1231	Sarah Dickinson Dr John	Jun 5
1232	Margaret Ellworth Dr Jeremiah	Jun 19
1233	Sarah Tenny Dr Sam ^l	Jun 26
1234	Jane Scott Dr Benjamin	July 10
1235	Sarah Birthe Dr Ebenezer	July 10
1236	John Hodgkin s ⁿ John	July 24
1237	John Pickard s ⁿ Moses	July 24
1727		
1238	Samuel Scott son Sam ^l	Aug ^t 14
1239	William Stickny son Samuel	Aug ^t 28
1240	Joshua Todd son John	Septemb ^r 18
1241	Moses Dreiser s ⁿ Jn ^o jun ^r	Octobr ^r 2
1242	Elifabeth Mighel Dr Nathan ^l	Octobr ^r 2
1243	Stephen Peirson s ⁿ Stephen	Octobr ^r 30
1244	Thomas Hybirt s ⁿ George	Octobr ^r 30
1245	Francis Johnson s ⁿ Daniel	Novembr ^r 13
1246	Mercy Platts Dr James	Novembr ^r 27
1247	Mary Jewet Dr Benjamin	Decembr ^r 25
1248	Elifabeth Kelly Dr Samuel	Janry 5
1249	John Bagley his Dr Elifabeth	Janry 22
1250	Sufanna Hobson Dr Moses	March 5
1251	Moses Woodberry s ⁿ Nathan	March 5
1727		
1252	Samuel Northen s ⁿ John	March 12
1253	Mary Smith Dr Benjamin	March 19
1254	Mehetabel Palmer Dr John	March 19
1255	Nathanael Bayly s ⁿ Joseph	March 26
1256	Mary Saunders Dr Edward	April 23
1257	Stephen Northen s ⁿ Ezek ^l	April 30
1258	Thomas Nelson s ⁿ Samuel	April 30
1259	David Abbot Topsfield &c.	July 2
1260	Priscilla Jewet Dr Stephen	July 2
1261	Mary Creafie Dr Samuel	July 2

1262	Daniel Dow son Jeremiah	} July 23	1286	Francis Pengry son Job	Aug st 11
1263	Dorcas Pengry Dr Aaron		1287	Hanna Dickinson Dr Tho jun ^r	Sept ^r 29
1264	Mercy Fortster Dr Daniel	Aug st 20	1288	Mary Geage Dr William	} Octobr 6
1265	Simon Stickny s. John	Novembr 12	1289	Lucy Pickard Dr Jonathan	
1265	Mofes Clark s ⁿ Jonathan	Decembr 3 ^d	1290	Humphery Saunders s ^r Edward	
1266	Stephen Jewet s ⁿ Aquilla	} Decembr 31	1291	Jenima Bihop Dr Jofiah	} Octobr 13
1267	Edward ——— Adult		1292	Thomas Jewet s ⁿ Jofhua	
1268	Edward Payfon son Eliot	Jan ^{ry} 14	1293	Sarah Palmer Dr Francis	Octobr 27
1269	Mofes Bradstreet son Nathan ^l	} Febrv 4	1294	Samuel Hobfon s ⁿ Humphery	Decembr 1
1270	Mary Platts Dr Abell		1295	John Hobfon son Mofes	Decembr 8
1271	James Platts son James	Febrv 11 th	1296	Thomas Todd son John Jun ^r	Decembr 15
1272	Mary Payfon Dr Samuell	} Febrv 18	1297	Edward Payfon s ⁿ Edward	} Decembr 15
1273	John Dickinson son John		1298	John Bayly s ⁿ David	
1274	John Johnfon son John	Febrv 25	1299	John Chapman s ⁿ Edward	Janv 5
1275	Hannah Creatie Dr Abell	March 10	1300	Prifcilla Birtby Dr Ebenezar	} Janv 19
	1728		1301	Abigail Davis Dr Nathan	
1276	Joseph Killborn s ⁿ Jacob	March 17	1302	Mofes Tenny son Samuel	Janv 26
1277	Mary Davis Dr Nathan	} April 7	1303	Jane Todd Dr John sen ^r	Febrv 2
1278	Isreal Davis s ⁿ Nathan		1304	Elifabeth Payfon Dr David ibid	febrv 2
1279	Eliphalet Payfon s ⁿ Eliphalet	} May 5	1305	Richard Esty s ⁿ Richard	Febrv 9
1280	Mary Hammon Dr David		1306	Nathan ^l Ellworth s ⁿ Jeremiah	Feb. 23
1281	Mofes Woodberry s ⁿ Hanna	May 12		1729	
1282	Lydia Pickard Dr Mofes	May 28	1307	Mary Creatie Dr John	} March 16
1283	William Price s ⁿ William	} Jun 3	1308	Sarah Jackson Dr Jofhua	
1284	John Palmer s ⁿ Timothy		1309	Mary Harris Dr John	
1285	Hannah Northen Dr Ezek ^l jun ^r	Aug st 4			

1310	Mary Jewet Dr Nathaniel	March 23			
1311	Elifabeth Stickny Dr Samuel				
1312	Samfon Killborn s ⁿ Jedidiah	March 30			
1313	Mary Nelson Dr Ephraim				
1314	Gibbins Jewet s ⁿ Jofeph	April 13			
1315	Jeremiah Peirfon s ⁿ Stephen				
1316	Elifabeth Chaplin Dr Jeremiah	April 20			
1317	Mehetabel Creafe Dr Abell				
1318	Jofeph Pickard s ⁿ Jofeph	May 18			
1319	Hannah Smith Dr Benjamin	June 1			
1320	Jeremiah Dow s ⁿ Jeremiah	June 22			
1321	Daniel Bayly s ⁿ Jofeph	June 29			
1322	John Bradstreet s ⁿ Nathan ^{ll}	July 13			
1323	Sarah Rowle Dr Abigail				
1324	Dan Foster s ⁿ Daniel	Aug ^t 21			
1325	Jeremiah Hybirt s ⁿ George	Sept ^r 28			
1326	Ruth Platts Dr Abell	October 5			
1327	John Palmer son John	November 3			
1328	Jedidia Bayly son John				
1329	Hannah Platts Dr James	Nov 9			
1330	Judah Johnfon s ⁿ Dan ^{ll}	November, 16			
1331	Elifabeth Stickny Dr John	Febr ^y 22			
		1730			
1332	Daniel Stickny s ⁿ Samuel	April 12			
1333	Hannah Cooper Dr Moses	April 12			
1334	Elifabeth Jewet Dr John jun	May 3			
1335	Mary Woodberry Dr Nathan			Jun 28	
1336	Lidia Pickard Dr Moyses			July 12	
1337	Sewall Northern s. Ezekiel			Aug st 30	
1338	John Harris s ⁿ John	October 11			
1339	Dorothy Pickard Dr Francis				
1340	Lydia Davis Dr Nathan				
1341	Jofeph Peirfon s ⁿ John	November 8			
1342	Jofhua Pickard s ⁿ Jonathan	November 29			
1343	Jane Payfon Dr Eliphalet	December 20			
1344	Ebenezer Birtbe s ⁿ Ebenezer	Jan ^y 17			
1345	Sarah Dreifer Dr John jun ^r	Febr ^y 14			
1346	Elizabeth Jackson Dr Caleb				
		1731			
1347	John Creafe s ⁿ John			Aprill 11	
1348	Jacob Bayly son David	April 18			
1349	Nathan Birtby s ⁿ Samuel				
1350	Jane Nelson Dr Solomon	June 6			
1351	James Payfon son Eliot	June 27			
1352	Samuel Hobfon s. Moyses	July 11			
1353	Rebecca Peirfon 1 ^r Stephen	Aug st 29			
1354	Ebenezer Todd s ⁿ John jun ^r				
1355	Hannah Foster Dr Dan ^{ll}	September 26			
1356	Phinehas Hammon s ⁿ David	Sept ^r 7			
1357	Edna Dreifer Dr ———				
1358	Joseph Dole s ⁿ Enoch	Decemb ^{br} 12			
1359	Benjamin Sawyer s ⁿ Ezek ^{ll}	Jan ^y 2			

1360	Judith Plats Dr James		
1361	James Crealie s ⁿ Abell	} Jan ^{ry} 16	1365 Hanna Jewet Dr George May 14
1362	Samuel Davis s ⁿ Nathan	Febr ^{ry} 27	1240 Asa Pengry s. Job May 28
1363	Dummer Jewet s ⁿ Jedidiah		[Recorded by the Rev ^d Jedediah Jewet 5 th minis-
1364	Ann Hoblon Dr Jeremiah	} April 30	ter.]

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JOHN WOODBURY AND SOME OF HIS
DESCENDANTS.

A PAPER FOUND AMONG THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE LATE
PERLEY DERBY.

John Woodbury came from Somersetshire, England, about 1624-5, in the interest of the Dorchester Company, which established itself at Cape Ann, now Gloucester, at or shortly before that period. Perhaps no better or clearer account can be given of his earlier connection with this company as its agent, than to give, in full, the deposition of his son Humphrey, who accompanied him hither on his second return. This deposition is given to offset the celebrated Mason's claim to extensive tracts of land in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and which caused great agitation among the settlers at the time.

"Feb. 16, 1680-1. Humphrey Woodbury, Beverly, aged 72, testifies, That when I lived in Sumersetshire in England, I remember that my father, John Woodberye (since deceased) did about 56 yeares agoe remoove for new England & I then traveled with him as farr as Dorchester"

(Eng.) " & I understood that my said father came to new England by order of a company caled Dorchester company (among whome m^r white of Dorchester in England was an active Instrument) & that my father and the company with him brought cattle & other things to Cape Ann for plantation work & there built an house & kept theire cattell & sett up fishing & afterwards some of them removed to a neck of land since called Salem: After about 3 yeares absence my said father returned to England & made us acquainted with what settlement they had made in new England & that he was sent back by some that Intended to settle a plantation about 3 leagues west of Cape Ann. to further this designe after about half a years stay in England, my father returned to new England & brought me with him: wee arrived at the place now caled Salem in or about the month of June 1628: where wee found severall persons that said they were servants to the Dorchester company & had built another house for them at Salem, besides that at Cape Ann. The latter end of that sumer, 1628: John Endecott Esq: came over governor, declaring his power from a company of pattentees, in or about London; & that they had bought the houses boates & servants which belonged to the Dorchester company & that he s^d Endecott had power to receive them which accordingly he did take possession of: when wee settled the Indians never then molested us in our improvements or sitting downe either on Salem or Beverly side of the ferry, but shewed themselves very glad of our company & came & planted by us & oftentimes came to us for shelter saying they were afraid of their enemy Indians up in the country: & wee did shelter them when they fled to us. & wee had theire free leave to build & plant where wee have taken up lands; the same yeare or the next after wee came to Salem wee cutt hay for the cattell wee brought over on that side of the ferry now caled Beverly: & have kept our possession there ever since by cutting hay or thatch or timber & boards & by laying out lotts for tillage: & sometime after building & dwelling heere, where I with others have lived about 40 yeares: In all this time of my being in new England I never heard

that Mr. Mason took possession here, disbursted estate upon, or layd any claime to this place of ours, save the discourse of a claim within this yeare or two."

Mr. Woodbury had a brother William, but it is not known precisely at what period he came to New England but certainly before 1630; as, in that year, it is said he and his brother John removed to the Cape Ann side, now Beverly, and settled near Woodbury's Point, on Mackerel Cove. He was made freeman in 1630 and was Deputy to the General Court from 1635 to 1638.

In 1635 John Woodbury was appointed one of the "overseers & Layers out of the Lotts of ground for this prescinct of Salem * * * and in Leine of y^r paynes they are to have 4^s the acre for small lotts and 10^s the hundred for great lotts rightly & exactly laid out and bounded:"

25: 11: 1635, he, with Capt Trask, Roger Conant, Peter Palfry and John Balch, received each a farm of 200 acres in Beverly. Bentley says "that farms were granted to individuals on condition of selling their houses in town, and the refusal of the farm was reserved to the town if ever it was to be sold."

As early as 1636, the idea prevailed to some extent that Salem would eventually be the capital of the colony, and a motion was presented to the General Court by Capt. Endecott in behalf of Col. John Humphries, to set off some lands beyond Forest River in Marblehead in contemplation of the erection of a college there. Upon this a committee of six was appointed to view these lands, one of whom was John Woodbury. No allusion to the project, however, seems to have been made from that date.

In 1637, he was chosen one of the selectmen, which office he filled till his decease, being present at every meeting of the board, the last one being Dec. 3, 1641.

He was called father Woodbury, but probably not so much from his age, as the title due him, on account of his great prominence, usefulness in the affairs of the town, and the general intelligence he seemed to possess. He could not have been much over sixty years of age at his decease as his last child was born about two years before.

There is no mention of land conveyances credited to

him on record; but Aug. 1, 1660, his widow Ann, or Agnes, sold to George Corwin $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land, and a small dwelling house, near to the meeting house in Salem.

He and his wife Agnes were among the original members of the 1st Church, Salem, at its formation in 1629, Samuel Skelton pastor.

Mr. Woodbury made a will, which was presented at court by his widow, and proved Feb. 8, 1642-3, but it was never recorded. No inventory having accompanied the will, she was requested to produce one; and is the last we know of this also.

They were married in England and it is supposed they had a number of children, not represented on record, some of whom may not have accompanied their parents to this country. What leads to this conclusion is the long interval between the birth of Humphrey, 1609-10, in England and that of the baptism of his daughter Hannah, 1636, in Salem.

Of his wife Agnes, nothing more is known of her after 1660, when she made the conveyance to George Curwen.

Children :

2. HUMPHREY,² born in England, 1609-10.
3. JOHN.²
4. HANNAH,² bapt. 1st Ch. Dec. 23, 1636; m. Apr. 26, 1658, Cornelius Baker; he d. Sept. 1, 1714. Their children were :
 - i. *Hannah*,³ b. Oct. 14, 1660; d. Nov. 6, 1662.
 - ii. *Hannah*,³ b. Nov. 28, 1662.
 - iii. *A child*,³ bapt. Mar. 29, 1665, 1st Ch., Salem.
 - iv. *Samuel*,³
 - v. *Cornelius*,³ } bapt. July 21, 1667, 1st Ch., Salem.
 - vi. *Jonathan*,³ bapt. Sept. 14, 1669, Beverly.
 - vii. *Abigail*,³ bapt. Sept. 6, 1672.
 - viii. *Priscilla*,³ bapt. Oct. 11, 1674.
 - ix. *Bethiah*,³ bapt. May 27, 1677.
 - x. *John*,³ bapt. Dec. 1, 1678; d. June 10, 16—.
 - xi. *Jabez*,³ b. Mar. 6, 1682.
5. ABIGAIL,² bapt. Nov. 12, 1637; m. John Hill.*
6. PETER,² bapt. Sept. 19, 1640; (b. June 19, 1640, Savage).

June 15, 1681.

* Peter Woodbury, Beverly, yeoman, bought of John Hill, Beverly, all the land, meadow & upland now in possession of said Hill, *i. e.* all his part of the farm that was formerly John Woodbury's dec'd, father-in law to sd John Hill, *i. e.* 25 A. upland, bounded on Jno. Woodbury, Wm. Dodge, house w't Benj. Balch. sr & John Balch; also a parcel of meadow, called the great marsh appertaining to said Hill, as part or what was part of said John Woodbury's farm dec'd.

John Hill.

Abigail Hill.

2 Humphrey² (John¹), born 1609-10; no will or settlement of his estate. Jan. 2, 1635-6, he with six others was granted $\frac{1}{2}$ acre each at Winter harbor for fishing trade and to build upon.

In 1636 he received a grant of 40 acres of land and Jan. 29, 1636-7, he received a grant of 40 acres more. Dec. 2, 1667, he bought 10 acres of Susanna Hollingworth of Salem on Cape Ann side. Oct. 10, 1652, he bought of Guido Bayley of Beverly, a dwelling house, barn and 20 acres land situated in Beverly. He was styled a fisherman. He married Elizabeth — who made her will May 1, 1689, proved Nov. 26, 1689, in which she mentions her two grandchildren, Peter, son of John Woodbury and Peter, son of William Woodbury, to whom she gave 10s. each because they were named for her son Peter, who was killed by the Indians in the war, with Captain Lathrop; two daughters Susanna (Tenney) and Christian (Trask) to whom she gave a legacy of 20s. each and daughter Elizabeth Walker, Peter Woodbury and Cornelius Baker, her friends, were named as overseers of her will. Wm. Woodbury, Sam'l Hardy and Hannah Baker witnessed the instrument.

Children :

7. JOHN,³ bapt. Oct. 24, 1641.
8. ISAAC,³ bapt. Feb. 4, 1643-4; d. Mar. 11, 1725.
9. HUMPHREY,³ bapt. Mar. 8, 1646-7; d. Apr. 9, 1727.
10. THOMAS,³ b. about 1639. Will made Dec. 11, 1716, proved April 20, 1719.
11. SUSANNA,³ b. Feb. 4, 1648-9; m. Dec. 2, 1668, John, son of Thomas and Ann Tenney of Rowley, who was b. Dec. 14, 1640.
12. WILLIAM,³ bapt. May 4, 1651.
13. PETER,³ b. Mar. 28, 1653; killed, 1675, in the Indian war under Capt. Thos. Lathrop.
14. RICHARD,³ b. Feb., 1654-5; d. Boston, 1690, on his return from Canada expedition.
15. ELIZABETH,³ b. Apr. 28, 1657; m. ——— Walker of Boston.
16. CHRISTIAN,³ b. Apr. 20, 1661; committed suicide; m. Apr. 9, 1679, John Trask. Their children were :
 - i. Christian,⁴ bapt. Apr. 25, 1680.
 - ii. John,⁴ bapt. Dec. 23, 1683.
 - iii. Edward,⁴ bapt. Nov. 21, 1686.
 - iv. Elizabeth,⁴ bapt. Oct. 9, 1687.
 - v. William,⁴ bapt. Feb. 23, 1689-90.

3 John² (John¹), born — ; died —. He was called John Woodbury, Sr., in distinction from John, son of

Humphrey, who lived contemporaneously with him, the terms answering to 1st and 2d of modern times. No settlement of his estate is recorded. He married Elizabeth ———, who, after his decease, married Captain John Dodge as his second wife, as will appear from the following deed of conveyance: "Peter Woodbury, Elizabeth Dodge, late y^e wife & since y^e widow of John Woodbury Sr. dec'd, now wife of John Dodge, with son Ebenezer, son of said John Woodbury dec'd, Beverly, and Cornelius Baker, Salem, sell to Humphrey Woodbury Sr., Beverly, 40 acres of land, being now in possession of John Woodbury, son of said Humphrey Sr." — Dec. 3, 1682. This will show the relative distinction between the John Woodbury, Sr., and John, Jr. which at first proved quite confusing in the separation of these two families. In 1702, Capt. John Dodge deeded to his son William, some estate and William covenants to him £5 annually, during his (Dodge's) life and provides for his wife Elizabeth, during her life. Captain Dodge died Jan. 14, 1723. His widow, Elizabeth, died June 6, 1726.

Children :

17. ELIZABETH,³ b. Aug. 15, 1654.
18. JOHN,³ b. Mar. 15, 1657; probably d. before 1663.
19. ABIGAIL,³ b. Oct. 6, 1660.
20. EBENEZER,³ bapt. July 3, 1667.
21. HANNAH,³ bapt. May 22, 1670.

6 Peter² (John¹), baptized Sept. 19, 1640 (born June 19, 1640, Savage); died July 5, 1704.

He and his wife Sarah were admitted to full communion, 23 : 8 : 1667, to the church in Beverly. Oct. 20, 1686, he was chosen deacon, which office he accepted Nov. 16 following, but was not ordained till Jan. 12, 1688-9. He probably married, first, Abigail Batchelder. He married July, 1667, Sarah, daughter of the first Richard Dodge. She died Sept. 11, 1726.

Children :

22. PETER,³ b. Dec. 12, 1666; d. Jan. 8, 1706-7.
23. SARAH,³ b. Dec. 12, 1668; m. Feb. 20, 1689, Jona. or Jno. son of John and Rachel (Scruggs) Raymond, b. Apr. 25, 1666.
24. ABIGAIL,³ b. Apr. 13, 1671; m. ——— Lamson.
25. ANNA,³ b. May 24, 1674; m. John Herrick.
26. MARTHA,³ bapt. May 27, 1677; m. ——— Brown.

27. JERUSHA,³ bapt. Feb. 8, 1680; her mother's name is Mary on the baptismal record; m. Mar. 28, 1698, Geo. Raymond.
28. JOSIAH,³ b. Jan. 15, 1682.
29. REBECCA,³ b. Dec. 25, 1684; not living in 1702.
30. PRISCILLA,³ b. June 23, 1687; m. Jan. 15, 1706, Richard Ober.

7 John³ (*Humphrey*,² *John*¹), baptized Oct. 24, 1641; died North Beverly, Jan. 2, 1715-16. He was styled John, Jr., while his uncle John lived, and at his baptism was called son of sister Woodbury the younger, his mother bearing the same name as that of his uncle John's wife.

He married, first, Elizabeth ———, who died Apr. 16, 1689, aged about 44, and he married, second, July 2, 1690, Alice, widow of John Derby.

Children :

31. ELIZABETH,⁴ bapt. Apr. 3, 1670; m., 1703, Nathaniel Wood.
32. MARY,⁴ b. Oct. 15, 1671.
33. RUTH,⁴ bapt. Sept. 5, 1674; m. July 20, 1704 (?), John West.
34. SARAH,⁴ bapt. Sept. 2, 1677.
35. SAMUEL,⁴ bapt. May 4, 1679.
36. A CHILD,⁴ bapt. May 8, 1681.
37. SUSANNA,⁴ bapt. May 20, 1683; d. Aug. 15, 1684.

8 Isaac³ (*Humphrey*,² *John*¹) baptized Feb. 4, 1643-4; died Mar. 11, 1725. Made his will Aug. 4, 1724; proved April 14, 1726. Mentions sons Robert; Joshua, to whom he gives 2 acres land he bought of his sister Elizabeth Walker's children; son Isaac, deceased; Benj. and Isaac, children of his son Robert; Zebulon son of Robert; granddaughter Anna Thorndike; granddaughter Anna, wife of Rev. Mr. Barnard and granddaughter Mary West. In 1689, he was taken in his fishing schooner by the French. He married Oct. 9, 1671, Mary Wilkes, daughter of Thomas. She was sister of Robert Wilkes.

Children :

38. ROBERT,⁴ b. July 4, 1672; d. Oct. 13, 1746, "very sudden."
39. MARY,⁴ b. Oct. 6, 1674; d. Oct. 22, 1717; pub. June 23, 1709, to Michael Farley of Ipswich.
40. CHRISTIAN,⁴ b. Mar. 20, 1677-8; d. April 30, 1714; m. 1st, July 5, 1702, Capt. Thos. West; m. 2nd, Capt. John Thorndike. 1701.
41. ISAAC,⁴ b. April 6, 1680; mariner; d. Bristol, Eng., Aug. 14,
42. DELIVERANCE,⁴ b. Feb. 18, 1683; d. Nov. 22, 1683.
43. JOSHUA,⁴ b. Jan. 29, 1684.
44. ELIZABETH,⁴ b. Jan. 17, 1687-8; d. April 23, 1688.

9 Humphrey³ (*Humphrey*,² *John*¹), baptized March 8, 1646-7; removed to Gloucester in 1677, where he died April 9, 1727, aged 80. He bought and settled upon what is called Biskie's Island. The following deed says, under date of May 5, 1698, Humphrey Woodbury, now of Gloucester, late of Beverly, mariner, to John Ober, Beverly, my homestead, of dwelling house, barn, orchard, 11 acres upland, and swamp, bought by my father (Humphrey) of Susanna Hollingworth, bounded on Thorndike, said father's land and Peter Woolfe. Oct. 13, 1708, he sold land to son Nathan (who was afterwards of Rowley, then of Haverhill). April 11, 1719, he conveyed by deed of gift to son Humphrey, and afterwards the same, July 31, 1719, for his dutiful carriage toward his parents, and to encourage him to stay with them in their old age. He married Oct. 10, 1671 (Savage says Jan. 8, 1671), Ann Winder of Gloucester. She was born in 1653 and died Feb. 28, 1728.

Children :

45. ANN,⁴ b. May 31, 1680; d. Oct. 10, 1707; m. Israel Wood.
46. BETHIAH,⁴ bapt. Aug. 31, 1673; m. April 22, 1696, Jno. Batchelder.
47. ABIGAIL,⁴ bapt. Oct. 25, 1674.
48. HUMPHREY,⁴ Aug. 23, 1677; d. Dec. 23, 1695.
49. ELIZABETH,⁴ b. —, 1682.
50. NATHANIEL,⁴ b. —, 1684.
51. NEHEMIAH,⁴ bapt. Sept. 5, 1686.
52. ABEL,⁴ b. Oct. 7, 1688; d. in captivity; had a dau. Jerusha, wid. of Israel Rand who d. 1834, æ. 97.
53. NATHAN,⁴ bapt. Mar. 15, 1690-1; m. Hannah Giddings and had three children.
54. ISRAEL,⁴ bapt. July 23, 1693.
55. SUSANNA,⁴ b. —, 1695.
56. HUMPHREY,⁴ b. —, 1698.

10 Thomas³ (*Humphrey*,² *John*¹), born about 1639. Made his will Dec. 11, 1716, proved April 20, 1719, in which he mentions wife Elizabeth, sons William, Jonathan and Samuel, daughters Hannah, wife of John Ober, and Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Herrick, and children of his son Samuel, deceased, viz., Samuel, Keziah and Mary.

July 19, 1708, he deeded to his son William a house in which said William had lived for divers years and the barn said William had erected and 5 acres of land near the point. May 21, 1717, he gave to his sons William,

Jonathan and Samuel, and daughter Hannah, wife of John Ober; Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Herrick; and grandchildren of Samuel Woodbury; Cercia, wife of John Mazury and Mary Woodbury, children of son Thomas, deceased, " $\frac{1}{2}$ that land bought between me and Joshua Bisson, jointly of Jeremiah Belcher of Ipswich, the whole being about 3000 acres; bounded on Cromwell's pond near the town of Haverhill and Policy meadow. My share being one-half."

He married, first, Hannah, daughter of William and Elizabeth Dodge, who was baptized in the First Church, Salem, July 24, 1642, and died Jan. 2, 1688. She was first the wife of Samuel, son of John Porter, the emigrant, who died 1651, leaving one son John, who settled in and became ancestor of the Porters of Wenham. He married, second, April 29, 1690, Elizabeth, widow of Samuel Curtis.

Children :*

57. WILLIAM,⁴ b. Sept. 17, 1662; d. Nov., 1725.
58. SAMUEL,⁴ b. —, 1665-6; d. April 18, 1689.
59. THOMAS,⁴ bapt. July 3, 1667.
60. ISRAEL,⁴ b. May 23, 1670.
61. HANNAH,⁴ b. Feb. 25, 1672; m. July 5, 1694, John Ober.
62. ELIZABETH,⁴ b. Feb. 6, 1676; m. Joseph Herrick.
63. A DAUGHTER,⁴ b. Jan. 20, 1679; d. young.
64. SUSANNA,⁴ bapt. Mar. 7, 1680; d. before 1716.
65. JONATHAN,⁴ b. Sept. 12, 1682.
66. SAMUEL,⁴ b. Feb. 2, 1690-1.

12 William³ (*Humphrey*,² *John*¹), baptized May 4, 1651. Division of his estate Feb. 15, 1710-11. Married Hannah Muscoll —, 1676. She was born 1658, and died Feb. 24, 1740.

Children :

67. HANNAH,⁴ b. Mar. 28, 1680; m. Jan. 14, 1702-3, Daniel Stone.
68. PETER,⁴ b. Aug. 3, 1682.
69. REBECCA,⁴ b. July 2, 1684; m. Isaac Gray.
70. HESTER,⁴ b. Sept. 7, 1688.
71. WILLIAM,⁴ bapt. Feb. 2, 1679; d. Jan. 17, 1713, in Gloucester.
72. CALEB,⁴ bapt. Mar. 30, 1690; d., 1772, in Gloucester; m., 1718, Hephzibah Lane of Gloucester, who d. 1737-8. Guardianship of his children William, Hannah, Rebecca, Caleb, Andrew, Seton and Rachel was granted to him Jan. 8, 1738.

* A child of Thos. Woodbury, Sr., and Elizabeth, died Mar 15, 1690-1.

14 Richard³ (*Humphrey² John¹*), born Feb., 1654-5. He went in the expedition to Canada and died in Boston, on his return home, 1690. He married Dec. 16, 1679, Sarah Haskell. After his decease she married, second, John Poole, who had been an apprentice to her husband, and afterwards removed to Gloucester.

Children :

- 73. RICHARD,⁴ b. Feb. 16, 1681; d. July 4, 1683.
- 74. JAEI,⁴ b. Jan. 20, 1683-4; d. Dec. 5, 1746.
- 75. JOSIAH,⁴ b. Aug. 8, 1685.
- 76. RICHARD,⁴ b. Aug. 8, 1685; d., 1751.
- 77. SARAH,⁴ b. Nov. 18, 1680; d. Dec. 4, 1680.
- 78. SUSANNA,⁴ b. May 7, 1687; d. May 22, 1717; m. ——— Herbert.
- 79. DAVID,⁴ b. Mar. 15, 1688; d. April 5, 1735.

20 Ebenezer³ (*John² John¹*), baptized First Church, Salem, July 3, 1667. Administration on his estate granted widow Hannah, July 1, 1714. In his inventory are mentioned, a gristmill, dwelling house and barn in Salem; 3½ acres land, partly in Salem and partly in Beverly; an old dwelling house; small barn and 8 acres fresh meadow in Beverly. He was a miller and lived on Royal side, which was called Salem some time after the incorporation of Beverly. He owned land on both sides of the stream then called Mill river. Oct. 12, 1702, he bought of his father-in-law John Dodge, jr. (son of William) "all his grist and corn mills in Salem, with 3½ acres land adjoining, 2 acres of which lay in Salem, bounded on widow King, and east by Mill river, and the other 1½ acres being all my (Dodge's) land, there lying in Beverly bounded on said Mill river, my salt marsh and Moses Gauge."

Dec. 20, 1708, Ebenezer Woodbury, Salem, miller; Nathaniel Waldron, Wenham, bricklayer; William Dodge, jr., Beverly, maltster, and Jona. Rayment, Beverly, yeoman, all administrators of the estate of William Dodge, Beverly, deceased, lease to Jona. Dodge, Salem, "for 7 years after April 1 next, the home living which was formerly Capt. John Dodge's, now belonging to the children of said William Dodge, deceased, partly in Beverly and in Salem, containing 54 acres, with house, barn and mills, being all set out in a deed of gift from Capt. John

Dodge, to said William Dodge. Also 4 acres of fresh meadow and 3 acres land in Proctor's Island, Chebacco."

June 7, 1710, he was 43 years of age when he made deposition, that he was present Oct., 1702, at Capt John Dodge's house, and was witness to the transaction between said John Dodge and his son William and set his hand as witness to the deed and said William gave a deed back to his father or his brother Jonathan, as his father desired 11 acres land in Beverly and also surrendered a dwelling house to said father or brother Jonathan for him which he had built on a piece of land his father had given him by word of mouth. He married May 15, 1690, Hannah, daughter of John and Sarah Dodge. She was baptized July 2, 1671 and died 1757. She was admitted to communion Nov. 17, 1695.

Hannah, widow of Ebenezer, made her will, Aug. 1, 1748. It was proved May 2, 1757. She gave son Ebenezer £100; son Nathaniel 2 acres of land in Salem, which she bought of her brother Jona. Dodge. To daughter Hannah Perkin's children £5. To daughter Abigail Ellingwood's children £5. To daughter Sarah and daughter Elizabeth Thorndike £5 each. To daughter Mary Armstrong £5. To daughter Martha £5. To daughter Priscilla £5. To daughter Mehetible Thorndike, a cow. To daughter Jerusha £5. To grand daughter Lydia Thorndike a feather bed, sheets, etc. Her sons Ebenezer and Nathaniel were appointed executors.

Children :

80. HANNAH,⁴ b. Feb. 27, 1690-1; m. Feb. 8, 1711, Thos. Perkins of Wenham.
81. ABIGAIL,⁴ b. July 1, 1692; m. Feb. 14, 1718, Wm. Ellingwood.
82. SARAH,⁴ bapt. July 20, 1696.
83. ELIZABETH,⁴ bapt. July 20, 1696; m. Nov. 20, 1718, Robert Thorndike.
84. MARY,⁴ bapt. Oct. 16, 1698; m. ——— Armstrong.
85. MARTHA,⁴ bapt. Aug. 23, 1702.
86. RUTH,⁴ bapt. Aug. 23, 1702.
87. PRISCILLA,⁴ bapt. June 13, 1703; m. Sept. 28, 1724, Thos. son of William and Joanna Woodbury, b. Sept. 5, 1700. Removed to Falmouth, Me.
88. MEHITABLE,⁴ bapt. Sept. 2, 1705.
89. EBENEZER,⁴ bapt. Aug. 8, 1708.
90. JOHN,⁴ bapt. Sept. 21, 1712; adm. granted his brother Ebenezer, Salem, June 2, 1740.
91. JERUSHA,⁴ bapt. Sept. 21, 1712.
92. NATHANIEL,⁴ bapt. July 31, 1715, after his father's decease.

22 Peter³ (*Peter,² John¹*), born Dec. 12, 1666; died Jan. 8, 1706-7. Mariner. April 12, 1697, he bought of Joseph Herrick, Sr., Salem village, and his wife Mary, 4 acres of marsh in Beverly, being my right in partnership with my cousin Jos. Herrick, which we bought of Capt. Paul Thorndike. He married, ———, widow Mary Dodge, who died Nov. 1763, aged 89.

Children :

- 93. MARK,⁴ b. Oct. 31, 1693; d. Dec. 17, 1693.
- 94. ABIGAIL,⁴ b. Sept. 14, 1694; m. Dec. 28, 1715, Jona. Conant.
- 95. JOSEPH,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1696; d. June 12, 1720.
- 96. BENJAMIN,⁴ b. April 18, 1699.
- 97. MARY,⁴ b. Aug. 2, 1703; m. 1st, May 13, 1719, Josiah Trask of Salem; m. 2d, June 21, 1727, Thos. Cox.
- 98. PETER,⁴ b. June 20, 1705; d. May 24, 1775; m. Hannah Batchelder.
- 99. REBECCA,⁴ b. June 1, 1707; m., 1728, Josiah Lovell.

28 Josiah³ (*Peter,² John¹*), born Jan. 15, 1682; died July 26, 1746. Cordwainer. Administration on his estate granted his widow Lydia and son Joseph, Aug. 11, 1746. Division of estate to widow Lydia; eldest daughter Lydia; Josiah, only son, and daughters Martha, Mary and Sarah. He married April 29, 1708, Lydia Herrick.

Children :

- 100. JOSIAH,⁴ b. Feb. 15, 1709-10; d. Dec. 12, 1773.
- 101. LYDIA,⁴ b. April 24, 1713; m., 1731, Humphrey Bartlett of Marblehead.
- 102. MARY,⁴ b. Mar. 3, 1716.
- 103. MARTHA,⁴ b. May 5, 1721; m. Richard Leach.
- 104. SARAH,⁴ b. Mar. 15, 1729-30.

38 Robert⁴ (*Isaac,³ Humphrey,² John¹*), born July 4, 1672; died suddenly, Oct. 13, 1746. Administration on estate granted his widow Mary and Isaac Woodbury. Nov. 11, 1746. He married Dec. 11, 1693, Mary, daughter Thomas and Elizabeth (West) Woodbury, born Mar. 4, 1676 and died Dec. 5, 1754. He was town clerk for several years.

Children :

- 105. ROBERT,⁵ b. Sept. 4, 1694; d. May 21, 1750.
- 106. MARY,⁵ b. April 18, 1697; pub. Jan. 7, 1721-2, to Jos. Herrick, 3^d.
- 107. BENJAMIN,⁵ b. Aug. 1, 1699; d. April 26, 1702.

- 108. ISAAC,⁵ b. June 18, 1701; d. Oct. 31, 1775.
- 109. THOMAS,⁵ b. June 21, 1703; d. May 8, 1751.
- 110. JAMES,⁵ b. May 20, 1705.
- 111. HANNAH,⁵ b. April 22, 1707; m. Francis Cogswell.
- 112. ZEBULON,⁵ b. Mar. 19, 1709. (A Zebulon Woodbury was lost at sea in 1734.)
- 113. EBENEZER,⁵ b. Oct. 2, 1711; d. same day.
- 114. EBENEZER,⁵ b. Nov. 19, 1712; d. Nov. 19, 1727.
- 115. BENJAMIN,⁵ bapt. June 24, 1716; lost at sea 1730.
- 116. RUTH,⁵ b. Feb. 21, 1715; m. April, 1737, Tim. Wade, Ipswich.
- 117. ELIZABETH,⁵ b. July 17, 1717; d. Nov. 7, 1717.

43 Joshua⁴ (*Isaac,³ Humphrey,² John¹*), born Jan. 29, 1684 and died probably at Falmouth (Portland), Me. Nov. 21, 1701, Joshua Woodbury "son of Isaac and Mary," bought of Thos. Bailey, Bradford, a lot of land in Beverly given by Humphrey Woodbury, deceased, to Sarah Walker and Eunice Walker, now wife of said Bailey. June 13, 1718, Joshua Woodbury, Beverly, yeoman and Christian Thorndike, Beverly, wife of John Thorndike, formerly Christian West, wife of Thos. West, jr., deceased, gave deposition that, in 1714, the deponent Christian Thorndike, alias West, purchased of her then father-in-law, Capt. Thos. West, a tract of land in Beverly, in part payment of which these deponents became bound unto Wm. Hirst of Salem, deceased, in £50, and on behalf of said Capt. Thos. West. April 16, 1736, he bought of Mr. John Barnard and his wife Anne, of Marblehead, one-half of their right in the Woodbury farm, lying in Methuen, being lot No. 1, in the N. W. quarter of the division of said farm, and the E. half of a lot laid out to Isaac Woodbury in the S. E. division and one-half of lot No. 5, behind the pond in the N. E. division. April 25, 1736, he sold to Nathaniel Woodbury, yeoman, a tract of upland and swamp in the township of Methuen, being the E. half of a lot in the S. E. quarter of Woodbury's farm, laid out to the heirs of Isaac Woodbury, said half containing 80 acres.

Oct. 9, 1739, Joshua Woodbury of Falmouth and wife Sarah, sell to John Standley of Beverly, 4 acres of orchard, upland and meadow. He removed to Falmouth, now Portland, Me., between 1736 and 1739, where he probably settled. He married Sept. 20, 1711, Sarah Woodbury of Salem.

270 JOHN WOODBURY AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

Children :

- 118. JOSHUA,⁵ b. April 24, 1713.
- 119. MARY,⁵ b. Sept. 15, 1715.
- 120. MEHITABLE,⁵ b. Nov. 17, 1717.
- 121. SARAH,⁵ b. July 3, 1722.
- 122. ISAAC,⁵ bapt. April 3, 1720.
- 123. PETER,⁵ b. April 18, 1724.
- 124. ANNA,⁵ b. Oct. 6, 1728.
- 125. EBENEZER,⁵ b. Sept. 19, 1731.
- 126. PAUL,⁵ b. April 4, 1733.

76 Richard⁴ (*Richard,³ Humphrey,² John¹*) born Aug. 8, 1685; died 1751. He married May 17, 1711, Esther Stone.

Children :*

- 127. ANDREW,⁵ b. Feb. 23, 1712; removed to Gloucester.
- 128. SARAH,⁵ b. July 19, 1713.
- 129. JOSIAH,⁵ b. Mar. 29, 1715; d. July 3, 1753.
- 130. GIDEON,⁵ b. Mar. 21, 1717; abroad in 1743, long time.
- 131. JACOB,⁵ b. June 9, 1719; d. Feb. 5, 1765.
- 132. DANIEL,⁵ b. Mar. 27, 1721; d. July 5, 1799.
- 133. MARK,⁵ b. Sept. 29, 1722.
- 134. ESTHER,⁵ b. April 11, 1725.
- 135. JOHN,⁵ b. Jan. 31, 1727.
- 136. LUKE,⁵ bapt. April 11, 1731. Not mentioned in his sister's quit-claim in 1751.

89 Ebenezer⁴ (*Ebenezer,³ John,² John¹*), baptized Aug. 8, 1708. Removed to Salem, N. H., about 1740. He made his will Feb. 8, 1774, in which he names his wife Elizabeth, grandchildren James, Ebenezer and John, children of my son Ebenezer £10 each; daughters Anna £3 and Hannah £3; daughter Elizabeth Ellingwood £1; son Hazadiah £10; daughter Abigail Duty £1; grandchild Lydia Field £2; daughter Mary Smith £3. Son Henry was appointed executor. June 29, 1741, he bought of his brother-in-law Thomas Woodbury, and wife Priscilla, then of Falmouth, one thirty-fifth part of a farm in Methuen, called Woodbury's farm, "it being my dividend of the same, as one of the descendants of my grandfather Thomas Woodbury." He is called a miller, and probably continued in the business of his

* William, son of Richard Woodbury, lost coming from N. E. 1759. (Robert Hale.)

A child of Richard Woodbury, died 1731. (Robert Hale.)

father at Royal side, then called Salem. He married Nov. 24, 1728, Elizabeth, daughter of Hazadiah, jr., and Anna Smith of Beverly, who was baptized with her sister Anna, July 11, 1714.

Children :

137. ANNA,⁵ b. Sept. 28, 1729, in Salem.
138. HANNAH,⁵ b. Sept. 18, 1731, in Salem.
139. EBENEZER,⁵ bapt. Nov. 18, 1733, in Beverly.
140. ELIZABETH,⁵ bapt. Nov. 23, 1735, in Beverly; m. Ellingwood.
141. JOHN,⁵ bapt. May 28, 1738, in Beverly.
142. HAZADIAH,⁵ bapt. Sept. 14, 1740, in Beverly.
143. LYDIA,⁵ bapt. Aug. 5, 1744, in Salem. N. H.
144. ABIGAIL,⁵ bapt. Aug. 3, 1746, in Salem, N. H.; m. Duty.
145. MARY,⁵ bapt. Sept. 6, 1748, in Salem, N. H.
146. ANDREW,⁵ bapt. July 14, 1751, in Salem, N. H.
147. HENRY,⁵ b. 1752.

92 Nathaniel⁴ (*Ebenezer,³ John,² John¹*), baptized in Beverly, July 31, 1715, after his father's decease. Lived in Salem, N. H. April 25, 1736, he bought of Joshua Woodbury, Beverly, a tract of 80 acres of upland and swamp in the township of Methuen, being the E. half of the lot in the S. E. quarter of Woodbury's farm, laid out to the heirs of Isaac Woodbury. Dec. 12, "1735 or 6," for £50 he sells to Wm. Woodbury, Beverly, joiner, his right in the estate of his father Ebenezer Woodbury, late of Salem, miller, said estate lying partly in Beverly and Wenham. There is no settlement of his estate on record in Rockingham County. He married Rebecca ———. She was received into the church in Beverly, Mar. 23, 1735, and dismissed June 1, 1740, to the church in Methuen 2^d parish. The wives of Jona. Woodbury and Robert Ellinwood were dismissed at the same time.

Children :

148. REBECCA,⁵ bapt. May 11, 1735, in Beverly.
149. HANNAH,⁵ bapt. June 29, 1740, in Salem, N. H.
150. ANNA,⁵ bapt. Sept. 5, 1742.
151. NATHANIEL,⁵ bapt. Sept. 16, 1744.
152. SARAH,⁵ bapt. May 8, 1748.
153. JOHN,⁵ b. July 10, 1749; died April 27, 1829.
154. LUKE,⁵ bapt. June 23, 1751; d. Mar. 6, 1827 (gravestone).
155. MEHITABLE,⁵ bapt. Oct. 29, 1752.

272 JOHN WOODBURY AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

96 Benjamin⁴ (*Peter*,³ *Peter*,² *John*¹), born April 18, 1699. Removed to Sutton, Mass., where he was living after 1733. May 6, 1737, when of Sutton, he sold for £400, to Daniel Dodge of Wenham, 20 acres of land, a dwelling house and barn in Beverly. He married Dec. 14, 1721, Ruth, daughter of Lot and Elizabeth Conant, who was born in Beverly, Nov. 18, 1702.

Children : *

- 156. JOSEPH,⁵ b. Sept. 27, 1722.
- 157. BENJAMIN,⁵ b. Feb. 5, 1726.
- 158. JOSHUA,⁵ b. Mar. 25, 1728.
- 159. ELIZABETH,⁵ bapt. Nov. 1, 1730.
- 160. LOT,⁵ bapt. Oct. 14, 1733.

98 Peter⁴ (*Peter*,³ *Peter*,² *John*¹), born June 20, 1705; died May 14, 1775. He made his will Mar. 14, 1775, proved May 29, 1775. Names wife Hannah; son Peter; James; my 4th division lot in Amherst, N. H.; Joseph; John; all my homestead of 40 acres. Feb. 28, 1728-9, he and his brother Benjamin, divide all the real estate descended to them from their father Peter, jr., and some land they bought of their mother Mary, widow of said Peter, jr. He married March 19, 1730, Hannah Batchelder of Wenham.

Children :

- 161. MARK,⁵ b. April 24, 1730; d. Sept. 18, 1736.
- 162. PETER,⁵ b. Mar. 13, 1732; d. Dec. 5, 1814, "of falling sickness."
- 163. JAMES,⁵ b. June 4, 1738; d. at Francistown, N. H., 1823. He was father of Mary Woodbury, who was mother of Levi Woodbury and wife of Peter, of Francistown.
- 164. JOSEPH,⁵ b. Sept. 21, 1741; d. Feb. 5, 1816; m. Huldah Putnam.
- 165. JOHN⁵, b. Nov. 8, 1743; m. Emma Raymond.

* A new-born infant of Benj. Woodbury d. April 27, 1725.
Benj. Woodbury's child d. May 1736. (2a Church records.)

(To be continued.)

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BY GEORGE B. BLODGETTE.

An account of y^e Perfons Baptized by me since my ordination. [Recorded by the Rev^d Jedediah Jewet.]

1	William Todd Son of Daniel	Dec. 14
1729		
2	William Hobson S ⁿ of Jeremy	Mar. 29
3	Juda Cresey da ^r of David	Apr. 26
4	Sarah Price da ^r of William	May 24
5	Sarah Chapman d ^r of Edward	June 21
6	Hannah Johnson d ^r of John	} July 5
7	Zebulon Eastick Son of Richard	
8	Edna Jewet d ^r of George	July 19
9	Lydia Bishop d ^r of Josiah	} Aug. 23
10	Moses Cooper S ⁿ of Moses	
11	William Cresey son of Abel	Sep. 13
12	Abigail Kilborn da ^r of George	Oct. 18
13	Hannah Bradstreet d ^r of Natha ^l	Nov. 9
14	Lydia Sanders d ^r of Edward	Dec. 13

4 males & 9 Females this Year

1731		
15	William Dickinson son of John	Feb. 7.
16	David Burpee son of Jonathan	Mar. 28
17	Elisabeth Payson d ^r of Sam ^l	} May 29
18	Mehetabel Dresser d ^r of Daniel	
19	Sarah Lancaster d ^r of Thomas	June 20
20	Sarah Tenny d ^r of Sam ^l	Aug. 1
21	Patience Palmer d ^r of Timothy	Aug. 8
22	Susanna Cresey d ^r of Sam ^l	Aug. 15
23	Nathan Frazer son of Nathan	Aug. 26
24	Thomas Sparks son of John	} Sep. 12
25	Amos Bayley S ⁿ of Joseph	
26	Mary Jewet d ^r of Joshua	Oct. 3
27	Joram Johnson son of Daniel	Oct. 17
28	Sam ^l Pickard son of Joseph	Nov. 9.
29	Hannah Bradstreet d ^r of Nathan ^l	Nov. 14
30	Priscilla Downing d ^r of Jona- than	} Dec. 26

7 males & 9 Females this year

50	Benjamin Bishop son of Josiah	
51	Jane Palmer dr of Timothy	Feb. 18
52	Elisabeth Stickney dr of Sam ^l	
53	Sam ^l Lancaster Son of Thomas	Apr. 8
54	Sam ^l Hidden son of Eben	Apr. 15
55	Mary Chapman dr of Edward	May 6
56	Priscilla Jewet dr of Aquila	May 27
57	Sarah Hibbert dr of James	June 3
58	Hannah Payson dr of Sam ^l	June 10
59	Samuel Pickard son of Joseph	July 8
60	Elisabeth Dresser dr of John jun ^r	July 22
61	Elisabeth Lambert dr of Thomas jun ^r	
62	Sarah Bayley dr of David	Aug. 12
63	Susanna Cresey dr of Sam ^l	
64	Mary Dresser dr of Daniel	August 19
65	William Sanders son of Edward	
66	Sarah Pearson dr of John	Aug. 26
67	Elisabeth Boynton dr of Ephraim	
68	Sarah Martin dr of Daniel	Sep. 2
69	Obadiah Johnson Son of Daniel	Oct. 14
70	Sarah Cresey dr of Abel	Nov. 18
71	Ellot Payson y ^e son of Elliot	Dec. 9.

31	Hephzibah Dow dr Jeremy	Jan. 9.
32	Francis Palmer Son of Francis	
33	Moses Northend son of Sam ^l	Jan. 23
34	Peter Cooper son of Leonard	Mar. 5
35	James Todd son of Jonathan	May 7.
36	Elisabeth Kilborn dr of Jedidiah	May 21
37	Priscilla Cooper dr of Moses	June 18
	Joshua Dickinson son of Thomas	
38	William Dickinson son of John	July 30
39	Hannah Burpee dr of Sam ^l	
40	Hannah Pickard dr of Moses	Aug. 6
41	Sarah Chaplin dr of Jonathan	
42	Daniel Hobson son of Moses	Sep. 3
43	Edward Northend son of Ezekiel	
44	Hannah Hodgskin dr of John	Oct. 1
45	Bristo Mr Paysons negroe Servant Adult.	Nov. 5
46	Nathan Frazer son of Nathan	Nov. 26
47	Nehemiah Johnson son of John	Dec. 10
48	Daniel Woodberry son of Nathan	Dec. 31
	11 males & 7 Females this year	
	1783	
49	Hannah Harris dr of John	Jan. 7.

72	Ryal	} My black Servant children	} Dec. 23	
73	and Titus			
		9 males & 16 Females this year		
		1734		
74	Jonathan Downing Son of Jonathan	} Jan. 13		
75	Phoebe Payson d ^r of Edward # Mr Chandler	} Jan. 20		
76	Mark Cresey son of John	} Jun 27		
77	Elisabeth Foster d ^r of Daniel	} Mar. 3		
78	John Sawyer son of Ezekiel	} March 24		
79	Sarah Plats d ^r of James	} April 21		
80	John Northend son of Sam ^l	} June 2		
81	Moses Hobson son of Moses	} June 9.		
82	Elisabeth Northend d ^r of Ezekiel	} June 16		
83	Paul Jewet my son	} June 30		
84	Ruth Palmer d ^r of Francis	} July 7		
85	Joseph Hobson son of Jeremiah	} July 14		
86	Joseph Chapman son of Edward	} Aug. 4.		
87	Elisabeth Dickinson d ^r of Thomas ju ^r	} Aug. 11		
88	John Jewet son of John jun ^r	} Aug. 18		
89	Sam ^l Prime son of Joshua	} Sep. 1.		
90	Nathanael Bradstreet son of Nath ^l	} Sep. 1.		
91	Mary Jewet d ^r of Edward	} Sep. 15		
92	Lydia Sanders d ^r of Edward	} Sep. 29.		
93	Samuel Burpee son of Sam ^l	} Oct. 6.		
94	Jeremiah Dickinson son of George	} Nov. 24		
95	Sarah Cooper d ^r of Leonard	} Dec. 22.		
96	Sarah Pickard d ^r of Francis	} 14 Males & 10 Females this year		
97	Ephraim Hidden son of Eben	} 1735		
98	David Bayley son of David	} Feb. 16		
99	Solomon Frazer son of Nathan	} Feb. 23		
100	Eunice Cresey d ^r of Abel	} March 9		
101	Ephraim Boynton son of Ephraim	} March 16		
102	Amos Pickard son of Moses	} March 30		
103	Phoebe Harris d ^r of John	} April 20		
104	Mary Martin d ^r of Daniel	} April 20		
105	Jedidiah Barker son of James	} April 20		
106	Sarah Jewet d ^r of Eliphalet	} April 27		
107	Jonathan Todd son of Jonathan	} May 4		
108	Ezekiel Hodgskin son of John	} May 25		
109	Paul Lancaster son of Thomas	} June 1		
110	Abel Plats son of Abel	} June 1		
111	Mary Johnson d ^r of Jonathan	} June 1		

112	Isreal Woodberry son of Nathan	June 8
113	Jacob Pickard son of Joseph	June 29
114	Sarah Dresser dr of Samuel junr	July 20
115	Moses Johnson son of John	Aug. 10
116	Abijah Johnson son of Jonathan	Sep. 7.
117	Sarah Lambert dat ^r of Thomas junr	Sep. 21
118	Isaiah Johnson son of Daniel	Oct. 19
119	Ezekiel Bradstreet son of Natha ^l	Oct. 25
120	Jane Dickinson dat ^r of Thomas junr	Nov. 16.
121	Isaac Davis son of Nathan	Nov. 30
122	Jemima Bishop dat ^r of Josiah	Dec. 28
122	Moses Hobson son of Moses	Dec. 14
123	Joshua Prime son of Joshua	Dec. 14
18 Males & 9 Females y ^e last year 1736		
124	Elisabeth Hobson dr of Jeremiah	Jan. 4.
125	Sarah Todd dr of John junr	Jan. 11.
126	Samuel Cresey S ⁿ of Sam ^l	Jan. 18
127	Mary Payson dat ^r of Eliot	Feb. 1.
128	Elisabeth Northend dat ^r of Ezekiel	Feb. 15
129	John Jewet Son of John	Feb. 22
130	Olive Prime dat ^r of Mark	Mar. 7
131	Lucey Cresey dat ^r of John	
132	John Chapman son of Edward	Mar. 21
133	Richard Pearson son of John	Apr. 11.
134	Jonathan Todd son of Jonathan	Apr. 18
135	Rebekah Plats dat ^r of James junr	Apr. 25.
136	Moses Kesar son of Moses	May 9.
137	Dorothy Jewet my own Babe	July 18.
138	William Martin son of Daniel	Aug. 1.
139	Anne Sawyer dat ^r of Ezekiel	
140	Jemima Dresser dat ^r of John junr	Aug. 22.
141	Dorothy Northend dat ^r of Sam ^l	
142	Priscilla Jewet dat ^r of Elipha- let	
143	Caleb Cresey Son of Abel	Sep. 5
144	Anne Lowel dat ^r of Richard	Sep. 12
145	John Boynton son of Ephraim	Sep. 19
146	Martha Robbins dat ^r of William	
147	David Stickney } Gemini sons of	Sep. 26
148	Jonathan Stickney } Samu ^l	
149	John Sanders son of Edward	Oct 31.
150	John Cresey son of David	Oct. 31
151	London M ^{rs} Paysons Negro womans Child	Dec. 12
152	Price Hidden son of Eben	

153	Lucey Jewet dat ^r of George	Dec. 19	171	Sam ^l Palmer son of Timothy	Aug. 28
154	Jeremiah Dickinson son of George	Dec. 26	172	Timothy Harris son of John	
	16 Males & 15 Females		173	Nehemiah Johnson son of John	Sep. 11
			174	Elisabeth Palmer dat ^r of Daniel	Sep. 18
			175	Joseph Pearson son of John	
			176	Susanna Hobson dat ^r of Moses	Octo. 2.
			177	Sarah Barker dat ^r of James	
155	Susanna Hibbert dat ^r of James	Jan. 9	178	Daniel Scot son of Joseph jun ^r	Octo. 16
156	Moses Wood son of Thomas jun ^r		179	Nehemiah Jewet Son of Jeremy	Oct. 30
157	Moses Jewet son of Mark	Jan. 30	180	Dorothy Lancaster dat ^r of Thomas	Nov. 6
158	Moses Hopkinson son of Moses	Feb. 6.	181	Elisabeth Jewet dat ^r of John	Nov. 20
159	Elizabeth Todd dat ^r of John	May 8	182	Lucey Stickney dat ^r of John	Dec. 4
160	Jane Payson dat ^r of Eliphalet	May 22	183	Sarah Pickard dat ^r of Joseph	Dec. 18
161	Eliot Payson son of Eliot			16 Males & 13 Females	
162	Mary Northend dat ^r of Ezekiel	May 29		1738	
163	James Plats son of James	July 24	184	James Cresey son of Abel	Jan. 1.
164	Thomas Barker son of Jacob		185	Joseph Hobson Son of Jeremiah	
165	Nathanael Bradstreet Son of Nath ^l		186	Bridget Pemberton Dat ^r of John	Jan. 15
166	Symond Chapman son of Edward	July 31	187	Pierce Bayley Son of David	Feb. 12
167	Sarah Prime dat ^r of Joshua		188	Mary Jewet D ^r of Mark	Feb. 19
168	Mark Frazer son of Nathan		189	Asa Todd son of Jonathan	March 12
169	Benjamin Dresser of Sam ^l jun ^r	Aug. 14	190	Eunice Hodgskin d ^r of John	June 4
170	Sarah Martin dat ^r of Daniel	Aug. 21	191	Anne Sawyer D ^r of Ezekiel	July

192	Mary Cresey } Twin Dat ^{rs} of		
193	Sarah Cresey } John		
194	Sarah Hibbert dat ^r of James	Sep. 3.	
195	Jonathan Jewet son of Eliphalet	Sep. 24	
196	Sarah Johnson d ^{tr} of Jonathan	Oct. 8.	
197	Abel Plats Son of Abel	Oct. 15.	
198	Sarah Dickinson dat ^r of Thomas		
199	Elisabeth Johnson dat ^r of Daniel	Octo. 29	
200	Judith Cresey dat ^r of David	Nov. 5	
201	Ezekiel Sanders son of Edward		
202	Sarah Northend dat ^r of Ezekiel	Nov. 19	
203	Mehetabel Lambert d ^{tr} of Thomas jun ^r	Dec. 10	
		7 Males 13 Females	
204	Moses Lovel son of Richard	Jan. 7	
205	Samuel Hidden Son of Eben	Jan. 28	
206	Jane Bradstreet D ^r of Nathanael	Feb. 25	
207	Ruth Palmer dat ^r of Daniel	March 4	
208	David Hobson Son of Moses	March 11	
209	Sarah Wood dau ^r of Thomas jun ^r	May 6	
210	Paul Jewet son of Joshua	May 13	
211	Joseph Jewet son of George	June 10	
212	Daniel Dickinson son of George	June 24	
213	Joanna Hammond D ^r of David	July 1.	
214	Sam ^l Pearson son of John	July 15	
215	Jedidiah Cooper son of Leonard	July 15	
216	Mark Dresser son of Sam ^l	Sep. 2	
217	Priscilla Johnson dat ^r of John	Sep. 16	
218	Daniel Todd Son of John	Oct. 14	
219	Mary Gage D ^{tr} of Thomas	Nov. 4	
220	Mary Cooper D ^{tr} of Samuel	Dec. 30	
221	Sarah Jewet D ^{tr} of John		
222	Eunice Jewet D ^{tr} of Jeremy	Jan. 13.	
223	Joseph Dresser son of David jun ^r		
224	Amos Bayley son of David	Jan. 27	
		12 Males 9 Females	
		1740	
225	Jane Bayley D ^r of Sam ^l	March 2	
226	Sarah Hobson dat ^r of Jeremy	March 30	
227	Katherine Jewet dat ^r of Mark	May 4	
228	Francis Palmer son of Francis	May 4	
229	Elisabeth Barker dat ^r of Jacob	May 25	

230	Joseph Pickard son of Joseph	June 8
231	David Cresey son of David	June 15
232	Lydia Lancaster d ^r of Thomas	June 29
233	Sarah Boynton d ^r of Ephraim	June 1.
234	Joseph Chapman son of Edward	June 1.
235	John Osborn son of John jun ^r	June 20
236	Nathanael Bradstreet son of Nat ^l	June 20
237	Isreal Hazzen son of Isreal	July 27
238	Elisabeth Clark D ^r of Daniel	Aug. 24
239	Moses Sawyer son of Ezekiel	Aug. 24
240	a child Daniel Martin [inter lined]	
240	Mary the Daughter of Mary Bennet	Sep. 7
241	James the son of Mary Pearson	Sep. 14
242	Mary Indus my serv ^t Adult	Nov. 2
244	Jane Pickard d ^r of Jonathan	Nov. 23
245	Lydia Plats d ^r of Nathan	Dec. 7
246	Eben Todd son of Jeremiah	Dec. 14
247	Sarah Brocklebank d ^r of Nathan	28 Dec.
10 Males 13 Females		
Sam ^l Prime son of Joshua		
1741		
248	Mary Palmer d ^r of Daniel	Jan. 11
249	Mary Payson d ^r of Eliphalet	Jan. 18
250	Betty Lowel d ^r of Richard	March 8
251	Sarah Hidden d ^r of Eben	March 15
252	William Perkins son of Zacheus	March 15
253	Moses Frazer son of Nathan	March 29
254	Francis Johnson son of Thomas	March 29
255	Phebe Jewet d ^r of Eliphalet	Apr. 19
256	Sarah Jewet d ^r of George	May 3
257	John Cresey son of John	May 10
258	Dinah M ^r Northends Negroe	May 24
259	Nathan Todd son of Jonathan	June 7
260	James Bayley son of James	June 7
261	Edna Plats d ^r of Moses	June 14
262	George Hibbert son of James	June 14
263	Joshua Burpee son of Joseph	July 5
264	Elisabeth Pearson d ^r of John	July 19
—	John Bayley son of Sam ^l	Sep. 13
265	John Bayley son of David	Sep. 13
266	Sibbey Nath ^l Mighills negro woman	Oct. 11
267	Abel Cresey son of Abel	Oct. 18
268	David Dickinson son of George	Oct. 18
269	Daniel Johnson son of Jonathan	Nov. 15.
270	Devonshire M ^r . Osborns Negro	Jan. 24
271	Susanna Johnson d ^r of John	Jan. 24

272	Sam ^l Todd son of John	} Feb. 7	} Oct. 24
273	Hannah Wood da ^r of Thomas jun ^r		
	13 Males and 13 Females		
	1742		
274	Bethiah Dresser da ^r of Sam ^l	March 21	
275	Moses Scot son of Joseph	March 28	
276	James Jewet son of Mark	} April 4	} Nov. 7
277	Moses Plats son of Nathan		
—	Moses Duty son of Moses	} April 11	} Dec. 12
278	Mary Dresser da ^r of David		
279	Lydia Hobson Dr of Moses		
280	Amos Boynton son of Ephraim	May 23	
281	Paul Dickinson son of James	} May 6	} Jan. 30
282	Susanna Cooper da ^r of Leonard		
283	Violet & } two Negro children	} June 13	} Feb. 20
284	Phillis } of Sibbys		
285	Ruth Tredwels child of Jona- than Tredwels	July —	
286	Amos Pickard son of Joseph	} Aug. 22.	} March 6
287	Sarah Clark Da ^r of Aaron		
288	Elizabeth Bayley dr of James	} Sep. 19	} Apr. 24
289	Mary Barker dr of James jun ^r		
290	Moses Prime s. of Joshua	Sep. 19	May 1
291	Hannah Dresser dr of Daniel	Oct. 17	May 8
			May 22
292	Daniel Kilborn son of Joseph	} Nov. 7	} Dec. 12
293	David Todd son of Jeremiah		
294	Jane Jewet da ^r of Moses		
295	Thomas Bayley son of Sam ^l	} Dec. 12	} Jan. 30
296	Elisabeth Gage da ^r of Tho ^s		
	Thomas Lancaster son of Thomas		
297	Moses-Paul Payson son of Eliot	} Feb. 20	} Feb. 27
298	Jane Jewet dr of George		
299	Cesar a negroe man-servant	} Feb. 27	} Feb. 27
300	Elisabeth Brocklebank da ^r of Nathan		
301	Hannah Hibbert da ^r of James	13 Males and 15 Females y ^e Year	
		1743	
302	Thomas Pickard son of Jona- than	} March 6	} Apr. 24
303	Humphry Pickard son of Moses jun ^r		
304	Jacob Barker son of Jacob	} May 1	} May 8
305	Jonathan Lambert son Tho.		
306	Mary Jewet daughter of John	} May 1	} May 22
307	Susanna Johnson da ^r of John		
308	John Todd son of John jun ^r		
	Beriah Clark son of Daniel		

309	Moses Cooper son of Leonard	May 29
310	Moses Plats son of Moses	July 24
311	James Hidden son of Eben	} Aug. 14
312	Joanna Burpee Dr of Joseph	
313	Jane Martin Dr of Daniel	Aug. 21
314	Nathanael Bayley son of David	} Sep. 4.
315	Jane Woodman dat ^r of Joshua	
316	Elisabeth Johnson dat ^r of Thomas	
	Thomas	
317	Jane Osborn dr of John	} Sep. 25.
318	Elisabeth Bradstreet Dr of Nath ^l	
319	Moses Dickinson son of James	
320	Ruth-Duty Pearson Dr of Mary Pearson	
321	Elisabeth Duty dat ^r of Moses	} Oct. 16
322	Isaac Smith son of Benj.	
323	David Cresey son of David	Dec. 11
324	Jedidiah Boynton son of Eph- raim	} Jan. 22
—	Stephen Jewet son of Eliphalet	
325	Jane Johnson Dr of Jonathan 14 Males 10 Females	Feb. 26
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326	Elisabeth Plats Dr of Nathan	March 11
327	Amos Dickinson son of George	Mar. 18
328	Hannah Wood Dr of Thomas	Apr. 1
329	Ruth Jewet Dr of Mark	April 22
330	Mary Jewet Dr of Jeremiah	May 13
331	Edward Bishop son of Benja- min	} 27 May
332	Aaron Jewet son of Moses	
333	Amos Dresser son of David	June 3
334	Mary Bishop Adult	June 17
335	Joseph Kilborn son of Ebenezer	July 1
336	Susanna Lowel Dr of Richard	} July 22
337	Amos Stickney son of William	
338	William Woodberry son of Sam ^l	
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339	Joshua Pickard son of Jonathan	} Aug. 5
340	Phinehas Hammond son of David jun ^r	
341	Jane Scot Dr of Joseph jun ^r	Aug. 12
342	Samuel Dresser son of Sam ^l	Aug. 19
343	Hannah Elsworth Dr of Thomas	} Sept. 2.
344	Joseph Pickard son of Joseph	
345	Sarah Kaeser Dr of Moses	Sep. 23.
346	Hannah Pickard Dr of Moses jun ^r	Sep. 30
347	Joshua Prime son of Joshua	Oct. 14
348	Benjamin Todd son of John	} Oct. 21
349	John Jewet son of John	
350	Mary Bayley Dr of David	Nov. 4

351	Ann Jewet D. of Jonathan junr	Nov. 25	371	Phinehas Dodge son of John	{ Sep. 29
352	Caleb Cresey son of Abel	{ Dec. 9	372	Moses Palmer son of Stephen	{ Sep. 22
353	Mary Barker D. of Jacob	Dec. 23	373	Jeremiah Hidden son of Eben	{ Sep. 22
354	Anne Bayley D. of Sam ^l	Feb. 17	374	Aquila Jewet son of Amos	{ Oct. 13
355	Lydia Hobson D. of Moses	Feb. 24	375	Ezekiel Cooper son of Leonard	{ 27
356	Ruth Jewet D. of George	Feb. 24	376	Sarah Jewet d ^r of James	{ Nov. 10
	15 Males 17 Females.		377	Rebekah Burpee d ^r of Joseph	{ Nov. 24
	1745		378	Nathan Plats son of Nathan	{ Dec. 29
357	Mary Payson D. of Eliot	March 17	379	Deborah Gage d ^r of Thomas	{ Dec. 22
358	James Bayley son of James	March 24	380	Jane Smith d ^r of Benjm junr	{ Feb. 9
359	Rebekah Jewet wife of James	{ Mar. 31	381	Jeremiah Todd son of Jeremiah	{ Feb. 9
	Ipswich Adult		382	Hannah Palmer d ^r of Daniel	{ Feb. 23
360	Daniel Clark son of Daniel	May 27	383	Paul Stickney son of William	{ Junr
361	James Jewet son of James	May 27	384	Joseph Elsworth son of Jeremy	{ 19 Males 9 Females
362	Nathanael Brown son of widow	{ June 2			1746
	Mary Brown baptized by Mr		385	Sarah Dickinson d ^r of James	{ March 2
	Chandler		386	Mary Hammond d ^r of David junr	{ March 9
363	John Sawyer son of Ezekiel	June 16	387	Mary Todd d ^r of Jonathan	{ April 27
364	Ennice Duty D ^r of Moses	June 23	388	Edna Boynton d ^r of Ephraim	{ May 4
365	Jonathan Jewet son of Jacob	{ July 7	389	Jonathan Pickard son of Jon-	{ May 7
366	Mary Kilborn D ^r of Ebenezer			athan	{ June 2
367	Jephthah & } Two negroe	{ Aug. 11	390	Bethiah Smith d ^r of Jonathan	{ June 2
368	Lot } men		391	Samuel Dresser son of Daniel	{ June 2
369	Jonathan Woodman son of	{ Sep. 1	392	David Jewet son of Eliphalet	{ June 2
	Joshua				
370	Joseph Kilborn son of Joseph	{ Sep. 1			

393	Hannah Hobson dr of Moses	July 13
394	James Jewet son of Mark	Aug. 17
395	Jane Kilborn dr of Eliphalet	Aug. 24
396	Margaret Barker datr of Jacob	Oct. 19
397	Hannah Jewet Dr of Moses	Oct. 26
398	Jane Pickard dr of Moses junr	Nov. 2
399	Mary Nelson Dr of David	Dec. 7
401	Hannah Johnson dr of Thomas	Jan. 4
402	Edward Chapman son of Edward	Jan. 11
403	Jacob Jewet son of Jacob	Feb. 8
404	Ezekiel Bayley son of David	Feb. 15
405	Enos Bishop son of Benjamin	Feb. 22
406	Mehetabel Hobson Dr of Humphry	8 Males 15 Females
407	Elisabeth Jewet dr of George	1747
408	Sarah Bayley dr of Samuel	Thomas Osborn son of John
409	George Jewet son of John	Mar. 8
410	John Jewet son of Jonathan	March 22
411	Edward Elsworth son of Thomas	March 29
412	Samuel Lowel son of Richard	April 19
413	Mehetabel Jewet Dr of Amos	May 24
414	Mehetabel Hidden Dr of Eben	
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416	Jeremiah Pickard son of Joseph	May 31
417	Joseph Sanders son of Edward	June 7
418	Thomas Hammond son of Sanders junr	June 14
419	Ann Kilborn datr of Ebenezer	Aug. 9
420	Ruth Palmer datr of Stephen	Aug. 30
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422	Moses Bayley son of James	Sep. 5. by Mr
423	Hannah Plats datr of Nathan	Chandler
424	Susanna Burpee datr of Isaac	Sep. 20
425	Joshua Prime son of Joshua	Oct. 18
426	Mark Duty son of Moses	Nov. 15
427	Elisabeth Hibbert datr of James	Nov. 22
428	Joseph Elsworth son of Jeremiah junr	Jan. 10
429	Lydia Dresser dr of Daniel	Jan. 17
430	Sarah Dresser dr of Samuel	Feb. 14
431	Job Boynton son of Ephraim	Feb. 28
432	Thomas Prime son of Thomas	
433	Eunice Wood datr of Thomas	
434	Hannah Chaplin datr of John junr	
435	Sarah Cooper datr of Leonard	
436	Mark Pearson son of Jonathan	
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436	James Dickinson son of James	March 7
437	Ephraim Pickard son of Jonathan	
438	Mary Burpee da ^r of Joseph	March 20
439	Thomas Lambert son of Thomas	
440	Apphia Gage da ^r of Thomas	April 3
441	Aquila Sawyer son of Ezekiel	April 17
442	Daniel Palmer son of Daniel	May 1
443	Jonathan Jewet son of James	
444	Jeremiah Jewet son of Moses	June 12
445	John Bradstreet son of Nathaniel	June 26
446	Elisabeth Brockiebank da ^r of Nathan	July 3
447	Lucey Stickney da ^r of William	July 17
448	William Jewet son of Jeremy	Sep. 11
449	Samuel Tenney son of Thomas	Sep. 25
450	Dinah da ^r of Lot and Ruth Mrs Bradstreets servants	Oct. 16
451	Lydia Kilborn daughter of Joseph	Oct. 30
452	Jonathan Johnson son of Jonathan	Nov. 13
453	Elisabeth Hobson da ^r of Humphrey	Nov. 20
454	Ebenezer Hidden son of Eben.	Nov. 27
455	by Mr Walley,	
455	Mehetabel Jewet da ^r of Mark	Dec. 11
456	Amos Pickard son of Moses	Feb. 5
457	Mary Tredwal Dr of Jonathan	Feb. 12
458	Joseph Jewet son of Jacob	Feb. 19
459	Daniel Jewet son of Jonathan	Feb. 26
460	Priscilla Scot da ^r of Joseph jun ^r	
15 Males 10 Females		
1749		
461	Joseph Palmer son of Stephen	March 5
462	Joanna Jewet Da ^r of Eliphalet	March 12
463	Sarah Jewet da ^r of Thomas	Apr. 2
464	Lydia Saunders da ^r of Edward	April 9
465	Susanna Hammond da ^r of David jun ^r	June 4
466	Mehetabel Burpee da ^r of Isaac	July 23
467	Solomon Lowel son of Richard	July 30
468	Jeremiah Elsworth son of Jeremiah jun ^r	Sep. 3
469	Hannah Jewet da ^r of John	Sep. 24

470	Mary Boynton da ^r of Ephraim	Oct. 8	489	Abigail Kilborn da ^r of Ebenezer	Oct. 14
471	Joanna Todd da ^r of Jeremiah	Oct. 15	490	Sarah Chapman da ^r of Edward	Dec. 2
472	William Duty son of Moses Duty Jan. 14 and the first child Baptized in the new meeting-house		491	Hannah Johnson da ^r of Jonathan	Dec. 30
473	Mehetabel Hidden da ^r of Eben	Feb. 11	492	Ruth Jewet da ^r of Purchase	Jan. 6
474	Thomas Elsworth son of Thomas	Feb. 25	493	Elisabeth Dresser da ^r of David Dresser jun ^r	Jan. 20
475	Susanna Bishop da ^r of Benjamin	March 4	494	Lots Brocklebank } da ^{rs} of	
476	Sarah Wood da ^r of Jonathan	March 18	495	Eunice Brockle- } Nathan	Feb. 17
477	John Spiller son of Samuel			bank } Gemini	
	6 Males 11 Females		496	Mary Bayley daughter of Samuel	Feb. 24
	1750		497	Mehetabel Dresser da ^r of Daniel	March 3
478	Moses Wood son of Thomas jun ^r	April 1	498	John Johnson son of John	March 10
479	Amos Pearson son of Jonathan	April 29	499	Elisabeth Jewet da ^r of Mark	March 24
480	Mary Pickard da ^r of Moses jun ^r	May 13		8 Males 14 Females	
481	George Jewet son of George	May 20		1751	
482	Sarah Palmer da ^r of Daniel		500	Moses Tenney son of Thomas	March 31
483	Mary Bradstreet da ^r of Na- thanael		501	Jonathan Wood son of Jonathan	April 21
484	John Smith son of Jonathan & Moses Jewet son of Moses	June 24	502	David Jewet son of Thomas	May 5
485	Moses Jewet son of Moses		503	Jesse Cooper son of Leonard	May 12
486	Caleb Jewet son of Jeremiah jun ^r	July 15	504	Mary Hobson da ^r of Humphry	
487	Ezekiel Bradstreet son of Moses	Aug. 26	505	Mary Kilborn da ^r of Joseph	July 28
488	Lucey Nelson Dr of David	Sep. 30	506	Hannibal son of Lot and Ruth	
			507	Samuel Elsworth son of Jere- miah jun ^r	Aug. 11

508	Timothy Palmer son of John jun ^r	Aug. 25	
509	Paul Bayley son of James	Sep. 1	
510	Lucy Lowel da ^r of Richard	Sep. 8	
511	Hannah Spiller d ^r of Samuel	Nov. 17	
	8 Males 4 Females		
	1752		
512	Hannah Mighil da ^r of Thomas	Jan. 19	
513	Mary Bayley da ^r of David	Feb. 16	
514	Samuel-Northend Gage son of Nathanael	Mar. 1	
515	Jonathan Todd son of Jere- miah	March 8	
516	Nathan Smith son of Jonathan		
517	Phoebe Jewet daughter of Jeremiah jun ^r	April 5	
518	William Gage son of Thomas	April 12	
519	Abigail Sanders d ^r of Edward jun ^r	April 19	
520	William Todd son of Jonathan	May 24	
—	Moses Palmer son of Daniel	May 3	
521	Abigail Pickard da ^r of Moses jun ^r	June 7	
522	Samuel Jewet son of Jacob		
523	Dolly Scot da ^r of Sam ⁿ Scot jun ^r	June 14	
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525	Abigail Pearson da ^r of Jona- than	July 26	
526	Sarah Palmer da ^r of Stephen	Aug. 2	
527	Sarah Bradstreet da ^r of Nathanael	Oct. 1	
528	Mary Stickney da ^r of Amos	Nov. 5	
529	Abigail Prime da ^r of Thomas		
530	William Elsworth son of Thomas	Nov. 19	
531	Mary Pickard D ^r of Jonathan	Dec. 10	
532	Nathanael Jewet son of Moses	Dec. 24	
	9 Males 12 Females		
533		1753	
534	Nathan Lambert son of Nathan	Jan. 7	
535	Ruth Wood da ^r of Thomas		
536	Anne Kilborn d ^r of Ebenezer	Feb. 4	
537	Jane Jewet da ^r of John	March 11	
538	Lydia Bishop daughter of Benjamin	April 22	
539	Nathan Jewet son of Eliphalet	May 10	
544	Jane Palmer da ^r of John	May 27	
545	Hannah Mighil D ^r of Nathanael		
546	Moses Jewet son of Thomas	June 10	
547	Susanna Dickinson da ^r John jun ^r	June 24	
548	Josiah Prime son of Joshua	July 22	

549	Sarah Duty Dr of Moses	July 29
550	Nathanael Johnson son of John	Aug. 12
551	John Wood son of Jonathan	Aug. 19
552	Moses Richards son of Moses	Sep. 2
553	Joseph Brocklebank son of Nathan	Sep. 9
554	Anthony Nelson Twin son of David	Sep. 30
555	Joseph Tenny son of Thomas	Oct. 7
556	Hannah Smith dr of Benjamin	Oct. 14
557	Thomas Kilborn son of Joseph	Nov. 25
558	Moses Bradstreet son of Moses	Dec. 9
559	Aaron Elsworth son of Jeremiah junr	Dec. 23
560	Susanna Cooper Dr of Leonard	Dec. 30
561	Sarah Jewet dr of Jeremiah junr	Jan. 6
562	Samuel Scots son Benjamin	1754
563	Hannah Bayley daughter of James	17 Males 11 Females
564	Billey Price son of William	Feb. 3
565	Abiel Boynton son of Ephraim	Feb. 10
566	John Page son of Nathanael	
567	Mehtabel Jewet dr of Mark	
568	Sarah Mighil dr of Thomas	Feb. 24
569	Patience Jewet dr of Purchis	April 14
570	Jeremiah Hobson son of William	April 21
571	Joseph Todd Twin son of Jeremiah	April 28
572	Elisabeth Sanders dr of Edward junr	June 2
573	Abijah Palmer son of Daniel	
574	John Pickard son of Moses junr	June 16
575	Sarah Lowel dr of Richard	July 14
576	Sarah Jewet dr of Eliphalet	Aug. 4
577	David Sterey son of Samuel	Aug. 25
578	Moses Hobson son of John	
579	Mehtabel Dickinson dr of John junr	Sep. 22
580	Susanna Palmer dr of Stephen	Sep. 23
581	Sarah Wood dr of Samuel	Oct. 27
582	Jonathan Pearson son of Jonathan	
583	Scipio Jonathan Pickards servant Boy	Dec. 1
584	Hannah Lancaster dr of Thomas	Dec. 8
585	George Todd son of William	
586	William Palmer son of John	Dec. 15
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		11 Males 10 Females

587	Cesar Lots & Ruths child	Jan. 19	
588	Martha Elsworth dat ^r of Natha ^l	Feb. 16	
589	Thomas Gage son of Thomas	March 2	
590	Mary Clark dat ^r of Moses	March 9	
591	William Hale son of Doct ^r	} Mar. 23	}
	William Hale		
592	Ivory Kilborn son of Ebenezer	April 6	
593	Mary Johnson dat ^r of John	April 20	
594	Daniel Jewet son of John	June 8	
595	Sarah Pickard dat ^r of Jonathan	June 29	
596	Lucey Wood dat ^r of Tho ^s jun ^r	July 13	
—	Mehetabel Prime dat ^r of	} Sep. 3	}
	Joshua		
597	Lucy Elsworth dat ^r of Thomas	born Aug. 29	
598	Nathanael Bradstreet son of	Sep. 28	
	Moses	} Oct. 5	}
599	John Prime son of Thomas		
600	Jane Jewet dat ^r of Jeremiah	Oct. 12	
	tertius	} Oct. 19	}
601	Benjamin Spiller son of Sam ^l		
602	Benjamin Bishop son of Benj	Nov. 2	
603	Susanna Todd dt ^r of Thomas	} Nov. 9	}
604	Humphry Hobson Richards		
	son of Moses Richards	Nov. 23	

605	Jane Plats	} daughters of	} Dec. 14
606	Hannah Plats		
607	Abigail Plats		
	10 Males 11 Females		
	1756		
608	Thomas Wood son of Sam ^l	Feb. 1	
609	Sarah Tenney dat ^r of Thomas	} Feb. 29	}
610	Joshua Dickinson son of John		
	jun ^r		
611	Samuel Nelson son of David	} March y ^e 7	}
612	John Pickard son of Samuel		
613	Thomas Sanders son of Ed-	} April 4	}
	ward jun.		
614	Nathan Palmer son of Daniel	May 2	
615	Ruth Crombie dat ^r Benjamin	} May 9	}
616	Betty Wood dat ^r of Jonathan		
617	Esther Dole dat ^r of Nathan	May 16	
618	Sarah Price dat ^r of William	July 4	
619	Benjamin Smith son of Benj.	July 11	
620	Ruth Plats dat ^r of Mark	Aug. 1	
621	Joseph Palmer son of John y ^e 3 ^d	Aug. 8	
622	Betty Hale Dr of William	Nov.	
623	Moses Pickard son of Moses jun ^r	Nov. 14	
624	Leonard Cooper son of Peter	Dec. 5	
	10 Males 7 Females		

641	Paul Johnson son of John	Oct. 2
642	David Lambert son of Nathan	
643	Elisabeth Burpee dat ^r of Joseph	Oct. 9
644	Amos Todd son of Thomas	
645	Elisabeth Cresey dat ^r of Mark	Oct. 30
646	Edward Payson son of James	
647	Lydia Palmer dat ^r of Stephen	
648	Jeremiah Jewett son of Jeremiah	Dec. 25
649	Elisabeth Bray dat ^r of Enoch	
	14 Males 11 Females	
	1758	
650	William Bayley s ⁿ of William	Feb. 12
651	Dolly Dickinson dat ^r of John jun ^r	March 12
652	Susanna Jewett dat ^r of John	April the 2 ^d
653	Mary Hopkinson dat ^r of Moses	
654	Gideon Wood son of Samuel	April 18
655	Sarah Todd dat ^r of James	
656	John Dresser son of John	May 21
657	Amos Wood s ⁿ of Tho ^s jun ^r	May 29
658	Joanna Pickard dat ^r of Jonathan	July 9
659	Samuel Pickard son of Samuel	Dec. 10
660	Paul Todd son of Thomas	Nov. 26
	6 Males 5 Females	

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625	Nathanael Hammond s ⁿ of Oliver	Jan. 2
---	David Elsworth son of Nathanael	Feb. 6
626	Hannah Palmer dat ^r of John jun ^r	Feb. 13
627	Nathanael Bradstreet son of Moses	
628	Sarah Pearson dat ^r of Jonathan	Feb. 20
629	Samuel Lancaster s ⁿ of Thomas	Mar. 13
630	Daniel Todd son of William	Mar. 20
631	Humphry Hobson son of Humphry	Mar. 27
632	John Scot son of Samuel jun ^r	May 8
633	Samuel Bayley son of Samuel	
634	Dorcas Kilborn	Twin daughters of Ebenezer Kilborn
635	Elisabeth Kilborn	May 22
636	Jane Clark dat ^r of Moses	July 31
637	Nathanel Mighil son of Natha ^l jun ^r	Sept. 4.
638	Bridget Prime dat ^r of Joshua	Sep. 11.
639	Abigail Jewet dat ^r of Moses	Aug. 28
640	Hannah Hobson dat ^r of William	Sep. 18

661	1759 William Hobson son of Wil- liam	Jan. 7
662	Ezekiel Lancaster son of Paul	Jan. 21
663	Patience Palmer da ^r of John jun ^r	Feb. 4
664	Josiah Stickney son of Jonathan	Feb. 18
665	Hannah Barker da ^r of Joseph	Feb. 25
666	Elisabeth Pearson da ^r of Jon- athan	March 11
667	Elisebeth Palmer da ^r of John y ^e 3 ^d	April 1
668	Sarah Hammond da ^r of Sarah	May 6
669	David Payson son of James	May 20
670	Sarah Wood da ^r of Jonathan	June 3
671	Priscilla Lancaster da ^r of Tho ^s	June 17
672	Josiah Stickney son of Moses	July 22
673	William Todd son of William	Aug. 26
674	Amos Parsons son of Amos	Sep. 2
675	Rebekah Parsons da ^r of An- drew	Sep. 9
676	Martha Hale da ^r of William	Oct. 21
677	Nathaniel Mighill son of Jere- miah	
678	Joseph Brocklebank son of Na- than	
679	Mehetabel Burpee da ^r of Joseph	Oct. 28
680	Jacob Elsworth son of Na- thanael	Dec. 9
681	Abigail Dresser da ^r of John	Dec. 23
682	Lydia Pickard da ^r of Moses jun ^r	10 Males & 12 Females
683	1760 Stephen Palmer son of Stephen	Jan. 13
684	John Dole son of Nathan	Feb. 10
685	Mary Lancaster d ^r of Paul	Feb. 24
686	Samuel Hidden son of Price	March 2
687	Jane Gage da ^r of Nathanael	March 23
688	Elisabeth Jewet da ^r of Jer- emiah	April 6
689	George Bayley son of William	April 20
690	Susanna Wood da ^r of Samuel	April 27
691	Elisabeth Jewet D ^r of Moses	May 4
692	Elisabeth Nelson da ^r of David	June 8
693	Samuel Spiller son of Samuel	Aug. 3
694	Lucey Bradstreet da ^r of Moses	
695	Mercy Smith da ^r of Benjamin	
696	Hannah Payson da ^r of Edward jun ^r	

697	Ephraim Hidden son of Ephraim	Aug. 24
698	Paul Jewet son of Paul	
699	Elisabeth Hopkinson da ^r of Moses	
700	Joshua-Jewet Prime son of Joshua	Nov. 16
701	Thomas Todd son of Thomas	Nov. 23
	9 males & 10 females	
	1761	
702	Mary Hove da ^r of Mark	Jan 18
703	Moses Johnson son of John	
704	Elisabeth Saunders da ^r of Humphry	Feb 1
706	Asa Low s ⁿ of Jacob	March 15
707	Elisabeth Payson da ^r of James	Apr. 19
708	William Hobson S ⁿ of William	
709	Phoebe Dresser da ^r of Daniel jun ^r	May 3
710	Susanna Dickinson da ^r of John jun ^r	May 31
711	Stephen Pearson son of Jonathan	June 7
712	William Rutherford s ⁿ of William	June 21
713	Joseph Barker son of Joseph	
714	Moses Clark son of Moses	July 5
715	Mehetabel Lambert da ^r of Thomas	July 26
716	Moses Todd son of William	
717	Benjamin Dresser son of John	
718	Mehetabel Mighill da ^r of Jeremiah	Aug. 2
719	John Phillips s ⁿ of James	Aug. 23
720	David Payson son of Eliot jun ^r	Aug. 30
721	Mary Hale da ^r of William	Sep. 13
722	Elisabeth Pickard da ^r of Moses	Sep. 20
724	Hannah Cooper son of James	Oct. 4
725	Samuel Pearson son of Sam ^l	Sep. 27
726	Ruth Winter da ^r of Benjamin	Dec. 6
	12 males & 11 females	
	1762	
727	Eunice Jewett da ^r of Jeremiah	Jan. 3
728	Mehetabel Cresey da ^r of Mark	
729	Elizabeth Palmer da ^r of Francis jun ^r	Jan. 10
730	Northend Cogswell son of Doctor Nathanael Cogswell	Feb. 14
731	Mary Wood da ^r of Samuel	Feb. 21
732	Adoniram Hedden son of Ephraim	March 21
733	Mary Palmer da ^r of John the 3 ^d	March 28

734	Mehetabel Hedden dat ^r of Price	April 18
735	Sarah Sanders dat ^r of William	May 2
736	Hannah Bradstreet dat ^r of Moses	June 27
737	Mary Elsworth dat ^r of Nathaniel	Aug. 22
738	Molly Cooper dat ^r of Peter deceased	Aug. 22
739	Mehetabel Todd dat ^r of James	Sep. 12
740	Ephraim Brown son of Francis	Nov. 14
741	Bridget Prime dat ^r of Joshua	Nov. 21
742	Sarah Lancaster dat ^r of Thomas	Dec. 26
	3 males & 13 females	
	1763	
743	Joshua Sanders son of Humphry	Jan. 9
744	Dudley Stickney son of David	Jan. 16
745	Hannah Stickney dat ^r of Moses	Jan. 23
746	Mehetabel Bayley dat ^r of John	Feb. 13
747	William Sanders } Gemini: of William	Mar. 13
748	Anne Sanders }	June 12
749	Jacob Pickard son of Jacob	June 26
750	John Barker son of Thomas	
751	Sarah Cogswell dat ^r of Nathanael	
752	Aaron Wood son of Jonathan	
753	Joshua Davis son of James	July 3
754	Tabitha Pearson dat ^r of Jonathan	July 17
755	Sarah Jewett dat ^r of Moses	July 31
756	Jacob Smith son of Benjamin	
757	Jonathan Stickney son of Jonathan	
758	John Hammond } Children of David	Aug. the 7
759	Sarah Hammond }	
760	Joanna Hammond } Hammond Junior	
761	David Hammond }	
762	Mary Payson dat ^r of James	Aug. 14
763	Joshua Todd son of Thomas	Aug. 21
764	Mary Dresser dat ^r of John	Sep. 4
765	Mary Jewett dat ^r of Paul	Sep. 11
766	Moses Hale s ⁿ of William	Sep. 18
767	Moses Pickard son of Moses	Oct. 9
768	Sarah Mighil dat ^r of Jeremiah	Oct. 23
769	Elisabeth Bradstreet dat ^r of Natha ^l	
770	Lucrey Pickard dat ^r of Jonathan	
771	Mary Todd dat ^r of William	
772	Daniel Searl son of David	
773	Hannah Johnson dat ^r of John	
774	Rose M ^{rs} Hibbertis negroe Girl	
775	Lydia Clark dat ^r of Moses	

776	Peter Cooper son of James	Nov. 20	795	Elisabeth Palmer dat ^r of Samuel	Nov. 25
777	Jonathan Lambert son of Tho ^s	Dec. 4		9 males 7 Females	
778	Stephen-Hunt Bagley son of Abel	Dec 18			
	18 males 18 females				
	1764				
779	Samuel Dresser son of Samuel	Jan. 1	796	Nathanael Lambert son of	Feb. 17
780	Edward Sanders son of John	Jan. 29		Thomas	
781	Lois Jewett dat ^r of Jeremiah	Feb. 5.	797	Eunice Hidden dat ^r of Price	March 10
782	Sarah Crescey dat ^r of James		798	Mary Hale dat ^r of Doctr William	Mar. 31
783	Daniel Palmer son of Francis	Feb. 26	799	Elias Bagley son of Abel	April 14
	jun ^r		800	Isaac Davis son of James	April 21
784	Molley Wood dat ^r of Samuel	April 15	801	Ellis Cooper s ⁿ of James	May 12
786	Lois Palmer dat ^r of John	July 15	802	Ellot Sawyer s ⁿ of Ezekiel	
787	Alexander Rutherford son of			jun ^r	
	William		803	Moses Todd s ⁿ of Thomas	July 7
788	Hannah Low dat ^r of Jacob	Aug. 19	804	Aaron Palmer s ⁿ of Francis	
789	Jacob Elsworth son of Na-		805	Daniel Dresser son of John	July 14
	thanael		806	Thomas Mighil s ⁿ of Jeremiah	July 21
790	Elisabeth Cogswell dat ^r of Na-	Aug. 26	807	Elisabeth Lowel dat ^r of Moses	July 28
	than ^l		808	Nathanael Cogswell s ⁿ of Nath ^l	Aug. 11
791	Jonathan Hidden son of Eph-	Sept. 16	809	James Payson son of James	Aug. 25
	raim		810	Joseph Sanders s ⁿ of William	Sep. 1
792	James Todd s ⁿ of James	Nov. 11	811	Dorothy Bradstreet dat ^r of	Sep. 8
793	Oliver Prime s ⁿ of Joshua	Nov. 18		Moses	
794	Stephen-Woodman Hunt s ⁿ		812	Nathan Jewett s ⁿ of Stephen	Sep. 15
	of Stuart Hunt			jun ^r	
			813	Moses Crescey s ⁿ of James	

814	David Bradstreet s ⁿ of Na- thanael	} Sep. 29
815	Daniel-Clark Hobson s ⁿ of David	} Oct. 6.
816	Joseph Smith s ⁿ of Benjamin	Oct. 20
817	Andrew Hobson s ⁿ of William	Nov. 3
818	Sarah Stickney dat ^r of Jonathan	Nov. 24
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820	Priscilla Dresser dat ^r of Sam ^l	Dec. 15
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823	Andrews Palmer s ⁿ of John	
824	Ruth Jewett dat ^r of Paul	} March 9
825	Margaret Wood dat ^r of Samuel	March 23
826	Mary Rutherford dat ^r of Wil- liam	} April 6
827	Ebenezer Hidden s ⁿ of Ephraim	April 27
828	David Sanders son of John	
829	Jeremiah Harris son of Tim- othy	} May 25
830	Moses Wood s ⁿ of Jonathan	June 8
831	Pierce Bayley s ⁿ of John jun ^r	July 13
832	Sarah Hunt dat ^r of Stuart	July 27
833	Dorothy Hale dat ^r of Doctor William	} Aug. 3
834	David Searl son of David	Sep. 7
835	Ezekiel Sanders s ⁿ of Humphry	Sep. 21
836	Joseph Bagley son of Abel	Sep. 28
837	Nathanael Cogswell son of Doctor Nath ^l	} Oct. 5
838	Edward Palmer s ⁿ of Sam ^l	Oct. 19
839	Sarah Todd dat ^r of David	Nov. 9
840	William Cresey s ⁿ of Abel	Dec. 7
841	Thomas Pickard s ⁿ of Thomas	Dec. 14
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842	Ruth Jewett dat ^r of Stephen jun ^r	} Feb. 1
—	Hannah Elsworth dat ^r of Na- thanael	} Jan.
843	Joanna Jewett dat ^r of Pur- chase jun ^r	} Feb. 8
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849	Mary Pickard dat ^r of Sam ^{ll}	June 7
850	Mary Harris dat ^r of John jun ^r	June 28
851	Mehetabel Bayley dat ^r of Deacon Bayley	July 12
852	Nathan Dresser son of John Dresser	
853	Ellet Payson son of James	Aug. 23
854	Sarah Kilborn dat ^r of Daniel	Sep. 6
855	Hannah Todd dat ^r of William	Sep. 20
856	John Cresey son of John	Sep. 27
857	Martha Hidden d ^r of Price	Nov. 15
858	Hannah Cogswell dat ^r of Na- thanael	
859	Dorothy Dresser dat ^r of Sam- uel	Dec. 13
860	Joseph Rutherford son of William	
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861	Nehemiah Jewett s ⁿ of Nehe- miah jun ^r	Jan. 10
862	Jonathan Plummerson of Sam ^{ll}	
863	Ezekiel Sawyer son of Ezekiel	Jan. 17
864	Jedidiah Barker s ⁿ of Nathanael	Jan. 24
865	Nathaniel Prime s ⁿ of Joshua	Jan. 31
866	Nathaniel Todd s ⁿ of Thomas	
867	Sarah Palmer d ^r Francis jun ^r	Feb. 14
868	Jacob Cresey son of Abel	
869	Dorothy Pickard dat ^r of Joshua	Mar. 13
870	Daniel Bradstreet son of Nathaniel	
871	Jonathan Bradstreet son of Moses	April 10
872	Henry Warrin son of Henry	
873	Elisabeth Stickney dat ^r of Jonathan	April 17
874	Stephen Hunt s ⁿ of Stuart	
875	Sarah Cresey dat ^r of James	May 1
876	Timothy Harris son of Tim- othy	
877	Hannah Lowel dat ^r of Moses	May 15
878	Lydia Hobson dat ^r of William	May 22
879	Hannah Hidden dat ^r of Eph- raim	June 26
880	Abigail Pickard dat ^r of Thomas	
881	Thomas Dickinson s ⁿ of Moses	July 17
882	Joseph Jewett son of Joseph	Aug. 28
883	Joshua Jewett son of Paul	
884	Sarah Cresey dat ^r of John	Sep. 25

923	Mary Dresser dat ^r of Samuel				
924	John-Pemberton Palmer son of Francis jun ^r	Aug. 12			
925	John Jewett son of Joseph				
926	Daniel Green son of Thomas	Sep. 16			
927	Ezekiel Bayleys dat ^r which he called by the nickname Betty	Sep. 9			
928	Elisabeth Pearson dat ^r of Samuel	Oct. 7			
929	Abigail Cogswell dat ^r of Nathanael	Oct. 21			
930	Jonathan Searl son of David	Nov. 18			
931	Charlotte Jewett dat ^r of Nehemiah Jewett				
932	Joanna Todd dat ^r of David Todd	Dec. 2			
933	Lydia Bayley dat ^r of Amos				
934	Moses-Paul Payson son of Moses-Paul	Dec. 16			
935	John Sanders son of John	Dec. 23			
	14 males 15 Females				
	1771				
936	Rhode Jewett dat ^r of Deac. Jeremiah				
937	Apphia Stickney dat ^r of Jonathan	Jan. 13			
938	—— Martin son of Nathanael				
939	Joseph Scott son of Moses	March 10			
940	Jane Payson dat ^r of James				
941	Jane Jewett dat ^r of Paul	March 17			
942	Amos Cresey son of James	March 24			
943	Thomas Bayley son of John	April 7			
944	Mary Todd dat ^r of Daniel jun ^r	June 28			
945	Purchase Jewett son of Purchase	Aug. 11			
946	Mary Tenny dat ^r of Benjamin	Sep. 8			
947	Humphry Sanders son of Humphry				
948	William-Price Hidden son of Price	Oct. 13			
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949	Dorothy Cogswell dat ^r of Nathaniel	Dec. 15			
950	Jeremiah Jewett son of Nehemiah				
951	A daughter of John Cresey	Dec. 29			
	7 males 9 females				
	1772				
952	Sarah Jewett dat ^r of George jun ^r	Jan. 12			
953	Sarah Bradstreet dat ^r of John	Feb. 2			

954	Ebenezer Jewett son of Stephen	Feb. 16	982	Lois Bayley dat ^r of Ezekiel	Nov. 8
955	Joseph Todd son of Nelson	Feb. 23	983	Jonathan Jewett son of David 16 males 6 females	Dec. 5
956	Aaron Jewett son of Aaron		984	Phebe Bradstreet dat ^r of Nathanael	Jan. 3
957	Benjamin Sawyer son of John		985	Thomas Safford son of Daniel	Jan. 10
958	Patience Jewett dat ^r of Ephraim		986	Elisabeth Dresser dat ^r of Joseph	
959	John-March Stickney s ⁿ of Jonathan	March 1	987	Anna Bayley dat ^r of John	
960	John Harris son of Timothy	May 3	988	Thomas Elsworth son of Thomas jun ^r	Jan. 24
961	David Rutherford son of William	June 21	989	Mehetabel Barker dat ^r of Nathanael	
962	Bradstreet Plummer son of Samuel		990	Elisabeth Sanders dat ^r of John	Feb. 7
963	Moses Sawyer son of Moses	June 28	991	Aaron Palmer son of Francis jun ^r	
964	Jedidiah Todd son of John	July 5	992	Mehetabel Sawyer dat ^r of Ezekiel	April 4
965	Moses Todd son of William		993	John Sawyer s ⁿ of John	Apr. 11
966	David Jewett son of Joseph	July 26	994	Ephraim Jewett s ⁿ of Ephraim	
967	William Lambert son of Thomas jun ^r		995	Eliot Payson s ⁿ of Moses-Paul	Apr. 25
978	Soloman Todd son of Thomas	Aug. 30	996	Mary Pickard dat ^r of Ephraim	May 23
979	Abraham Jewett son of Nehemiah jun ^r	Sep. 6	997	Elisabeth Mighill dat ^r of Jeremiah	
980	Hannah Perley dat ^r of John	Oct. 28			
981	Elisabeth Kilborn dat ^r of Joseph jun ^r				

998	Susanna Jewett da ^r of George jun ^r	} June 6
999	Anna Todd da ^r of James	} June 27
1000	Jane Todd da ^r of Daniel	} July 25
1001	Judith Bradstreet da ^r of John	
1002	Abigail Bradstreet da ^r of Ezekiel	
1003	Lydia Tenny da ^r of Benjamin	
1004	Elisabeth Todd da ^r of Asa	Aug. 1
1005	Caleb Searl son of David	Aug. 8
1006	Edna Jewett da ^r of Paul	} Aug. 23
1007	Elhot Payson son of James	} Sep. 5
1009	Hannah a negroe woman	Oct. 17
1000	Nathanael Jewett son of Stephen	} Oct. 31
1001	Elisabeth Jewett da ^r of Moses jun ^r	} Nov. 7
1002	Abigail Todd da ^r of John	Nov. 21
1003	Abigail Jewett da ^r of Aaron	Dec. 12
	Males 9 Females 20	
	1774	
1004	Mary Lancaster da ^r of Tho ^s jun ^r	} Jan. 9
1004	Nathanael Harris son of Tim- othy	} Feb. 27
1005	Caleb Jewett son of Nehe- miah	} March 6
1006	Elisabeth Lambert da ^r of Thomas jun ^r	
1009	John Hidden son of Price	
	Thomas Mighill Clerk	
1	Amos Pickard son of Samuel	June 19
2	Mary Dresser	} July 10
3	Daughter of Joseph	
3	Elisabeth Todd Daughter of Benjamin	
4	Amos Dresser son of Amos	July 17
5	Lucy-Gage Daugh ^r Samuel- Northend Gage	} August 7 th 1774
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6	Mary Bailey daughter of John	} Oct. 30
7	Hannah Jewett daughter of George jun ^r	
8	Ruth Jewett daughter of Ephraim	
9	Abigail Pickard Daughter of Ephraim	

10	Hannah Scot Daughter of Moses	Decr 11	David Dresser S. of Amos	March 18
11	Moses Pickard son of Jeremiah Pickard		Appea Lambert D. of Thomas	
			Elizebeth Todd D. Benjamin	
12	Joseph Sanders son of John	Janu. 15	Elizebeth Martin D. Nathaniel	April
13	Sarah Jewett Daughter of Moses	Feb. 5 th	Eliphelet Jewett son of Paul	May 12
14	Elisabeth Sawyer Dag ^r of Ezekiel & Mary		Benjamin Tenney S. Benjamin	
15	Thomas Payson son of Moses-Payson & Deborah his wife		William-Spafard Jewett S. Ephraim	
16	Sewell Pearson son of Nathan	March 5 th	Thomas Jewett S. Nehemiah	June 2
17	Thomas Green son of Thomas Green Baptised		Stephen Harris S. Timothy	
			Elisabeth Sanders D. John	
		March 19	Jane Pickard D. Ephraim	July 1776
			Sarah Pickard D Joshua	
			Jeremiah Jewett S. Aaron	
		1776	Ester Hammond D. Thomas	August
			Mehitabel Payson D. James	
			Nathaniel Elsworth S. Thomas	
	Solomon Lowell son of Solomon	Janu. 10	Luca Jewett D. George	Sept. 1776
	Hannah Gage Daug ^r of William Gage		Elizabeth Gage D Sam.-Nor.. Gage	
	Dolle Bradstreet Daug ^r of Moses jun ^r		Ruth Pearson D. John Jr	Dec. 1776
	Mary Street D. Nathaniel	Feb. 18		
			Hannah Jewett D. Stephen	Jan. 1777
			John Bailey S. John	

Caleb Todd S. Nathan		Hannah Jewett D. Aaron	March 15
Joseph Sawyer S. Ezekiel		Prudence Jewett D. Jacob	
David Payson S. Moses-Paul	April 13 th	Ezra Martin S. Nathaniel	
Moses Jewett S. Moses jun.		Nathaniel Safford S. Daniel	April 12
Betty Pearson D. Nathan		Lucy Bailey D. Amos	by Mr Noble
Sarah Bradstreet D. Moses jun.		Sarah Pearson D. John junr	
Judith Pearly D. John	Aug. 3	Nathaniel Cogswell son of Nathaniel	
Sarah Jewett D. Ephraim		Eunice Bailey D. Ezekiel	May 3 by Mr Dana
Joseph Hale S. Dr William		Jemimah Bradstreet } D ^s Ezekiel	
Daniel Todd s. Daniel jun.		Salla Bradstreet } kiel	
John Bailey S. John of Manchester	Oct. 5	Elisabeth Sawyer D. Moses	July 12 by Mr Rogers
John Sawyer S. John		Ruth Pickard D. Joshua	
Hannah Bradstreet D. John		Hannah Dresser D. Amos	
John Hammond S. Thomas	Oct. 26	Wallingford Todd S. Benjamin	Sept. 6
Jacob Lowell S. Solomon			
1778		Elisabeth Jewett D. Stephen	
Moses Kilborn son of Joseph junr	Feb. 1	Mehetabel Pickard Daug ^r of Jeremiah	Nov ^r 8
Elizabeth Gage D. of Hannah widow of William Gage	Feb. 8	Joseph Bishop S. Edward	Dec. 22
Thomas Lambert S. Thomas	Feb. 15	Mehitabel Pickard D. Jeremiah	Oct.
Ephraim Hidden S. Price	March 1	Moses Bradstreet S. Moses jun.	Dec. 30
Sarah Jewett D. David			
			1779
		Daniel Harris S. Timothy	Jan. 3
		Dolly Sanders D. John	

1783		
Jacob-Pierson Bradford S.		Feb. 27
Rev. Mr Bradford		
—— Kilborn X Joseph		
Beisey Johnston		March 9
Susa Searl Johnston		
Rachel Johnston		
Benjamin Dresser Wharf S.		May 11
James		
Debar Medchief Johnston		June 15
child Samuel		July 11
John Pickard		
Polly Pearly		Sept. 3
Sally Pearly		
Anna Mighill D. Thomas		Dec. 7
Sarah Pickard		
	Carried to the new Book	

Dorothy Mighill D. Thomas	Aug. 19
Charity Bailey D. John	Sept. 16
Thomas Lambert S. Thomas	Nov. 25
Sarah Bradstreet D. Nathaniel	
Mary Payson D. Moses-Paul	
1782.	
Nathaniel Bailey S. Amos	March 10
Jane Sawyer D. Ezekiel	
Elisabeth Smith D. Isaac	
Henery-Bailey Todd S. Nel-	
son	
Joseph Jewett S. Joseph	April 14
Jonathan Jewett S. Aaron	Sept. 7
Jonathan Cogswell S. Dr Nathl	
—— Pearson X Nathan	

A FORGOTTEN HORROR.

The epidemics of small-pox, which not infrequently ravaged the best protected neighborhoods before 1800, were a scourge and a terror hard to imagine. No household, "however watched and tended," was exempt. Maria Theresa, Empress of Austria, had the disease in 1767, having contracted it from her daughter-in-law, the wife of the Crown Prince Joseph, who died of it. In 1774, Louis XV of France, surrounded with all the splendors of Versailles, ended a reign of fifty years with an attack of the small-pox, and communicated the disease to the two Princesses who attended his deathbed. The Bulletin, Vol. xii, pp. 144-165, gives a vivid picture of the condition of things before the introduction of vaccination as a preventive, in the early years of this century. Frequent quarantines became necessary between town and town, highways were fenced off, and dogs and cats exterminated. [See also Hist. Coll., Vol. v, pp. 195 and 252.]

Inoculation with the virus of the loathsome pest itself was practiced for a century. This treatment was introduced from Constantinople, about 1718, and was recommended by men of such influence and authority as the Rev. Dr. Increase Mather. Hospitals were set up, in secluded spots, to which the well-to-do resorted in classes of a hundred. The treatment occupied a month. It began with dieting, prescribed exercise, and a general regimen intended to prepare the system for the introduction of the virus. When the patient had been thus brought to the most favorable condition for encountering the risks and trials of the disorder, of which he was capable, he was inoculated with it and was carefully and in most cases successfully nursed through it by a class of trained attendants who had been victims of the pest, and whom we should call immunes. Of course the best medical aid was secured, as well as the best conditions and surroundings. Gen. Washington submitted himself to the treatment at New York, in 1776. Salem had a small-pox hospital on the Neck at that time, another in the Great Pastures, the ground-plan of which may still be traced in the sod, and a very large establishment of the kind was set up by private enterprise on Cat Island, now Lowell Island, and was burned down by a mob from Marblehead. With one or two persons out of the class which entered at one time the disease was expected to prove fatal, while the ninety-eight or ninety-nine per cent who recovered generally quit the confinement of the hospital in exceptionally good condition. "Taking the bull by the horns," is, for the most part, a practice of questionable expediency. Most persons who approach the animal in that way get tossed pretty high and fall pretty flat. But in this instance it was thought by the best people to be a wise course. The assured immunity afforded for life from a most repulsive and inconvenient disorder, to which persons of active habits were peculiarly exposed, was considered worth all the risk and horror of the experience.

The following lines were written, in 1794, by a discharged member of a class at Beverly on leaving the resort at Hospital Point, in that town. One should be first cousin to all the Muses to be able to draw inspiration from such a theme.

Pinch'd with the Symptoms, chill'd for want of fuel,
Made lean by Jallop, Salts & Water Gruel,
For full three weeks with Patience we have borne
To be from roast-meat, toast and coffee torn.
With Job's few comforts, but with all his grief,
At length we find arrived the wish'd relief!
Hail! BACON, BUTTER, EGGS! Before our Eyes
We see hot puddings, beef & gravy rise!
We bid our fellow sufferers All Adieu,
And, be assured, we wish good Luck to You!

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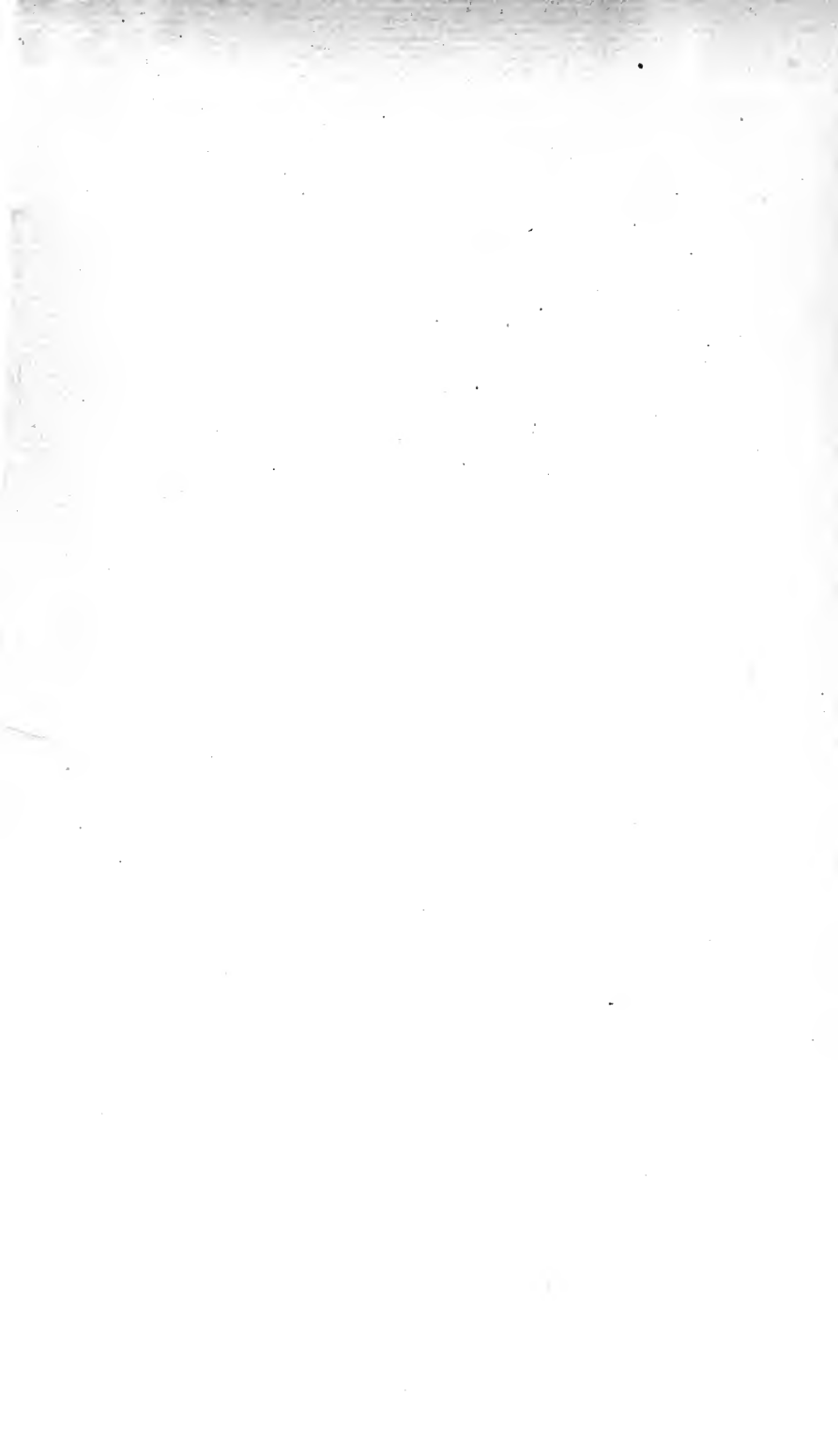
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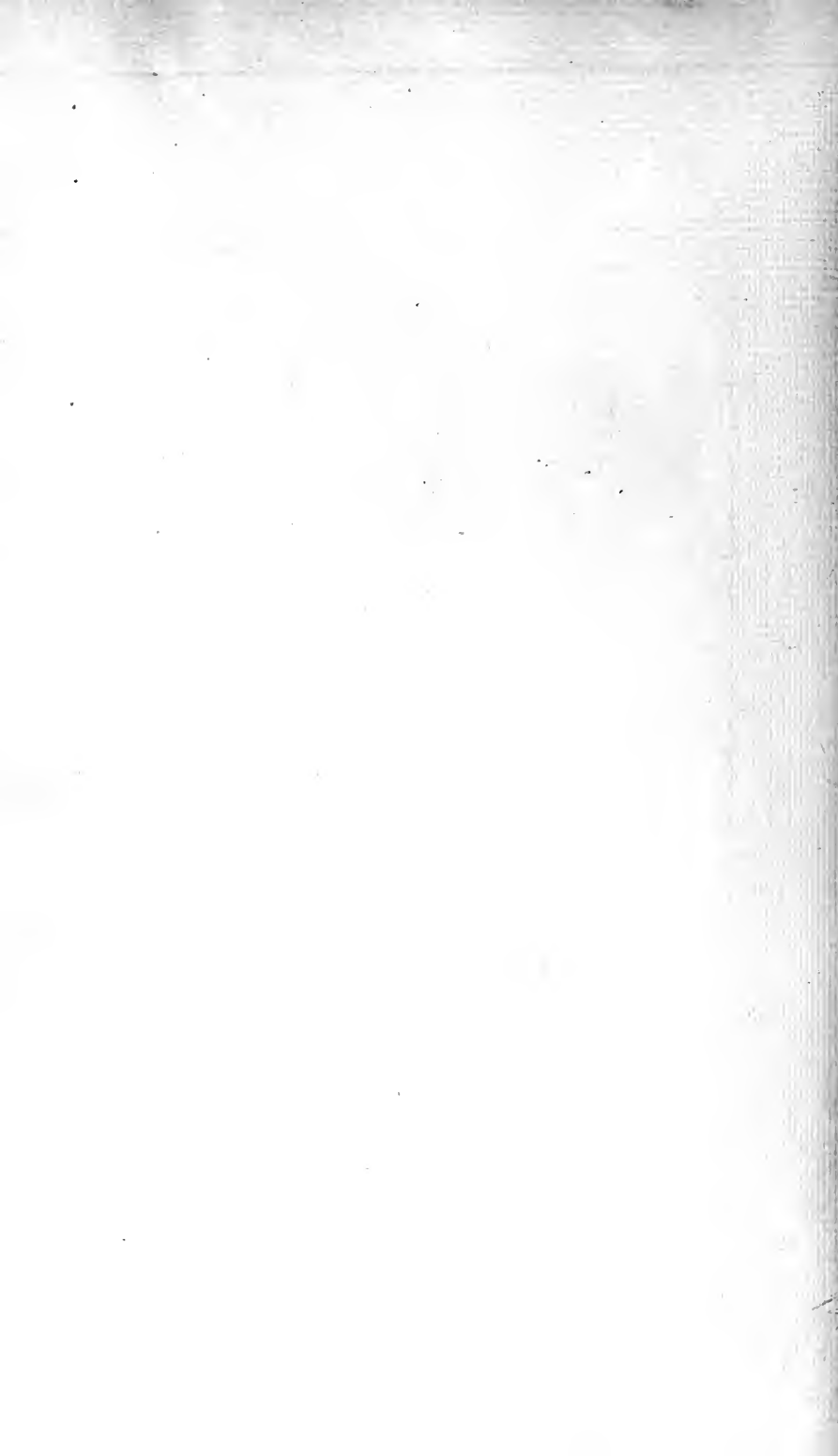
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